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Port Almanac—December 5.

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The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE.
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec 5.

Meteorological data for yesterday:

Temperature: 8 a. m., 27°; 8 p. m., 38°; maximum, 49°; minimum, 25°; mean, 37°.

Rainfall for the day, T; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 3 33.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For Virginia and North Carolina, fair; warmer; southerly to westerly winds.

For South Carolina, generally fair and warmer; easterly to southerly winds.

OUTLINES.

Gen. Weyler's movements are unknown in Havana; Spanish officers report victories over the insurgents in two engagements; the district court of Manzas decides that Oscar Cespedes, an American citizen, who was captured in the field, must be handed over to a military tribunal for trial. —— Payment of the $10 000 check put up for the Fitzsimmons-Sharkey fight was refused by the bank, owing to an injunction; Earp, the referee, is under arrest charged with carrying concealed weapons. —— R. G. Dun & Co., in their weekly review of trade, report very little change in the business situation; cotton goods are selling better, but the production still exceeds the demand; there were 379 business failures in the United States the past week. —— The Secretary of the Interior, in his annual report to the President, gives the extent of the actual public domain, puts the number of persons drawing pensions at 970,678, recommends the establishment of a commission to conduct the Indian Bureau, and discourses on the indebtedness to the Government of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific Railroads. —— The Cabinet meeting yesterday discussed such portions of the President's message as related to foreign affairs. —— It is the opinion of a leading physician of San Francisco that Sharkey was "doped" with iodine to bear out the referee's claim of foul; Sharkey is resting easily and will be out within a week. —— Stormy weather delayed the arrival of many coastwise steamers at New York. —— It was announced at a meeting of the "American Friends of Cuba Association," in New York, that over 104 000 signatures had been obtained for the petition to Congress to ask its influence to stop the barbarities being practiced upon the people of Cuba by Spain. —— The Spanish Government will seize the steamer Laurada when she reaches Valencia and bring suit against her for landing filibustering expeditions in Cuba. —— An execution for over $2 000,000 has been issued against the ex-cashier of a defunct Newark, N. J., bank. —— New York markets: Money on call was easy at 1½@2 per cent., last loan at 1½ per cent., closing offered at 1½ per cent.; cotton dull—middling gulf —c, middling 7 9-16c; Southern flour steady and unchanged—common to fair extra $2 85@3 45, good to choice $3 45@3 60; wheat—spot dull and weaker; ungraded red 80@99c; corn—spot dull and weaker; No. 2 29c at elevator and 30@30¼c afloat; rosin steady and quiet—strained common to good $1 80@1 82½; spirits turpentine steady at 27@27½c.

President Cleveland has finished up his message except the gap he has left for Cuba. Perhaps he is waiting to see if Weyler will take Maceo in.

The Russian Government wants this Government to join with it to keep up the price of wheat. That looks like making a corner on India and Argentina.

A Boston charitable association which makes a specialty of distributing apples among the poor, has distributed this year 4,816 bushels among 43,789 people.

As a prospective index of possible war developments the orders for powder are so large at the Dupont mills in Delaware that they are running night and day.

Hon. Tom Watson says he is filled with a great big disgust and is out of politics. Tom has for some time been laboring under the delusion that he was in politics.

A Northern paper is trying to solve the question, "is suicide contagious?" We incline to think it is contagious by force of example, and it is quite fatal too.

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A Republican contemporary, which is mad at Nebraska because she cast her vote for Bryan, remarks that she is a burlesque on Statehood, in which there is some truth. But the Republican party was the author of the burlesque, when it needed a couple more Senators. The burlesque feature was not discovered by the Republican organs until Nebraska kicked out of the Republican traces.

Mr. Creelman, correspondent of the New York *World*, who has been visiting Biltmore, George Vanderbilt's place, near Asheville, says he has 145,000 acres consecrated to science, agriculture and forestry. He has spent $10,000,000 on it, is spending at the rate of $1,000,000 a year, and employes more people than are employed in the Agricultural Department at Washington.

A writer on peanuts as an article of food says that rolled fine and mixed with bread they make a fine stuffing for ducks. Whether he means live or dead ducks he does not say, but we presume he means the duck ready for the roast. If some one will furnish the ducks we'll try it and report.

The burglar who has reached the loftiest eminence of any gentleman in his profession is now in the lock-up in Paris. He climbed to the top of the Eiffel tower, robbed some cash drawers up there, tackled a bottle of wine, got boozy, went to sleep and was caught before he got sober enough to slide down.

The Philadelphia *Record* remarks in a headline: "All eyes turned on Hanna." Hanna is an index of how the McKinley cat is going to jump. All eyes were on Hanna before the election; but it didn't do any good. He got there all the same.

Ohio has concluded to electrocute her criminals condemned to death. Recent experiments on a dog have proved satisfactory. It may be some satisfaction to the electrocuted fellow to know that he will be killed like a dog.

Some of the Republican organs are disposed to underestimate Mark Hanna, for they are already telling Mr. McKinley his "duty."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

JAS. KNIGHT—Notice.
W. B. COOPER—New firecrackers.
G. R. FRENCH & SON—Shoes for boys.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. Geo. R. LeRoy, of Norfolk, Va., is in the city.

— Mr. J. L. Castine, postmaster at Rocky Point, was a visitor here yesterday.

— Mr. E. F. King, of Atlanta, Ga., is in the city on a visit to his sister, Miss Myrtle King.

— Mr. and Mrs. W. H. French, of Rocky Point, came down to the city yesterday, returning at 7 p. m.

— Mr. Jas. O. Grimes, who runs a saw mill at Bannerman's, was in the city yesterday, purchasing mill supplies.

— Mr. J. W. Fry, General Manager of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad Company, arrived last evening.

— Mr. R. W. Rivenbark, one of the STAR'S valued subscribers at South Washington, was here on business yesterday.

— Col. W. A. Williams, of Newton, N. C., agent for the Lorillard Snuff Company, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

— Mrs. Townsend and two children, of Texas, are in the city visiting Mrs. Townsend's parents, Capt. J. W. Plummer and wife.

— Mr. W. T. Mercer, of Magnolia, passed through Wilmington yesterday on his way home from Augusta, Ga., where he has been for the last four or five years.

— Among the prominent Republicans who were here in consultation with Governor-elect Russell the last day or two was H. G. Ewart, ex-Congressman and Judge of the Western Criminal Circuit Court.

— Among the arrivals yesterday were Messrs. W. D. Broadway, N. C.; C. M. Kenyon, N. C.; J. S. Hunter, Greensboro; J. M. Dickson, Lake Waccamaw; J. E. Johnson, Fair Bluff, and W. T. Edens, Bennettsville, S. C.

On or about Thursday, December 3d, all my friends and customers can find me on Princess street, between Front and Second, next door east of D. O'Connor's office. C. M. HARRIS.
dec 1 tf News Dealer.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— The tug *Levi Davis*, ashore on Bald Head beach, went to pieces during the recent storm.

— Southern eggs are quoted at 21 to 23 cents per dozen, wholesale, in the New York market.

— Many persons went down to Ocean View on the Seacoast Railway yesterday to see the extent of the damage there.

— The Clyde Line steamer *Morgan* will sail next Thursday from Boston, Mass., for Wilmington, Charleston and Jacksonville.

— The management of the Kirmess have made arrangements for excursions to Wilmington from Fayetteville and Newbern, during the week of the festivities.

— Mr. J. N. Townsend, who is in charge of the repair force of the Western Union Telegraph Company, reports that he found 127 telegraph poles down between Wilmington and Warsaw.

— The Chicago wheat market was in a state of demoralization yesterday. It was very weak from start to finish, and those who have been predicting "dollar wheat" were very much discouraged. The close was 2⅞c under that of Thursday.

— In Charleston, Wednesday night, Mr. H. C. Ortmann was robbed of $100 in cash and his gold watch. His house was entered by a burglar who committed the robbery without arousing him from his slumbers. He is a nephew of Mr. F. W. Ortmann, of this city.

— The editor of the Whiteville *News* is rejoicing over the receipt of a ruta baga from the farm of Mr. John H. Clark, Sr., of Clarkton. It weighed 10¾ pounds and "just will go inside of an ordinary peck measure." When it comes to farming and gardening Uncle John is "one of the boys," beyond a doubt.

— One of the practical results of the efforts of the Eastern North Carolina Truck Association to render the raising of truck more lucrative, the STAR learns from Dr. E. Porter, of Rocky Point, who was here yesterday, is the reduction of transportation charges on refrigerator cars. Last year the cost of transportation of a crate of strawberries was $1.25. Next season it will be only $1.05.

The Juvenile Sport.

The juvenile sport called at the STAR office bright and early Thursday morning. He carried forty-two regulation buttons, with the usual mottoes, on his upper deck, and the brim of his cap stood at an angle of forty five degrees. He was twelve years old and, unlike Saul of Tarsus, he was three feet tall. In a voice that showed careful training, he shouted: "Anything from Fitzsimmons and Sharkey?" "Not a word, old man," replied the sporting editor. "I'm sorry," said the juvenile sport, "I'm bettin' big money on Fitz." Then he asked the sporting editor for a match, which was forthcoming, lit a cigarette, heaped a lot of imprecations on the weather bureau, and sallied forth in search of more Sharkey money.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—89 bales cotton.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—161 bales cotton, 11 bbls rosin, 15 bbls tar, 2 bbls crude turpentine.

Carolina Central R. R.—28 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 33 bbls rosin, 15 bbls tar, 20 casks crude turpentine.

Steamer Frank Sessoms—46 bales cotton, 11 bbls tar.

Steamer Daggett—10 casks spirits turpentine, 64 bbls rosin, 23 bbls tar.

Total receipts—Cotton, 324 bales; spirits turpentine, 11 casks; rosin, 108 bbls; tar, 89 bbls; crude turpentine, 22 bbls.

Are You Out of Work?

The STAR will help you get a position absolutely free of all cost, or if you want some one to work for you the STAR will charge you nothing for the advertisement. This offer is made to help those out of employment, and does not apply to "boarders wanted," "houses for rent," or any class of commercial advertising. The name of the advertiser must positively accompany every advertisement. Your name will not be published, however, unless you desire it. See announcement in another column for full particulars.

Wilmington's Superior Climate.

"What a fine climate you people have down here," a gentleman who had arrived from an inland town via the Seaboard Air Line, remarked yesterday. There was snow on that road thirty or forty miles from Wilmington, but not a flake here. Along the line of the W. & W. R. R. it snowed as far down as Burgaw. "And in the Summer," the same gentleman went on to say, "you have the sea breeze to prevent the heat from becoming excessive." Still it has to be confessed that Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday even in Wilmington were nothing to boast of in the climate line.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our "Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cents. This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculate the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents. tf

COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

THE LAW PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONERS.

Nearly All the Eastern Counties Will Take Action in the Matter—Governor-Elect Russell Not a Candidate For the U. S. Senatorship—Changes That Will be Made in the Superintendence of State Institutions.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 5.

Mr. J. H. Kerr, of Warrenton, was here to-day, en route to Bryson City, where he goes to obtain a mandamus from Judge Brown. Mr. Kerr has a petition signed by over two hundred citizens of Warren and as many free-holders, asking that Messrs. Marmaduke Hawkins and P. H. Allen be appointed members of the new Board of County Commissioners, they being of a different political faith from a majority of the members of the Board. Five electors swear that they believe the Board recently elected is incapable of properly managing the affairs of the county, and also ask for the appointment of these gentlemen. One of the commissioners is a negro.

This action is brought under a section of the laws of 1895, and it is said that it will result in the appointment of two Democrats on the Boards of Commissioners in nearly all the Eastern counties. Similar action will be taken in several Eastern counties next Monday. I give the law on the subject, which is taken from chapter 185, section 5:

That whenever as many as five electors make affidavit before the Clerk of the Superior Court, at any time after the election of the County Commissioners, that they verily believe that the business of the county, if left entirely in the hands of the three Commissioners elected by the people will be improperly managed, that then upon petition of two hundred electors of said county, one half of whom shall be freeholders, and so certified by the Clerk of the Superior Court, made to the Judge of the district, or Judge presiding therein, it shall be the duty of said Judge to appoint two honest and discreet citizens of said county, who shall be of a political party different from that of a majority of the Board of Commissioners, who shall, from their appointment and qualification, by taking the oath required for County Commissioners, be members of said Board of Commissioners in every respect, as fully as if elected by the people, and shall continue in office until the election and qualification of the successors of said Board of County Commissioners, and that no money shall be paid upon the order of said Board, or official bonds accepted, nor shall any debt be incurred, except upon the concurrence of as many as four of said Board. That all motions concerning financial matters shall be taken upon an aye and no vote and recorded upon the minutes. [This was printed in the STAR the day after the election, but it will bear repetition.—STAR.]

Upon the assurance of Judge Russell's friends, among whom is Bailey who recently paid him a visit, I can state that Governor-elect Russell is not a candidate for the Senatorship. The rumor was probably foolish from the first. It can be imagined that the ties that bind Russell and Pritchard are not of the strongest, for the fact that Pritchard's friends were not disposed to do the right thing by the Judge; but that is a thing of the past, and Russell, it is said, is willing to let bygones go. It is an open secret that Russell would never have been Governor had he listened to Pritchard. Major Grant was his loyal supporter from the first, and he held out against the clamoring Pops when Pritchard was anxious to surrender the Governorship.

There is one Democrat who will not be disturbed. He is John Ray, superintendent of the Blind Institute. All the Populists recognize his ability, as well as the Governor-elect and many other Republicans. Drs. Murphy and Kirby, superintendents of the two insane asylums, will likely retain their positions. I know several Populists "of large degree" who are opposed to removing Mr. T. K. Bruner. The State can't secure his superior, and probably not his equal. All other Democratic office-holders will go at the first opportunity. The word has been given.

The Board of Agriculture, which has been in session several days, completed its labors to-day. No work of importance has been transacted at this meeting.

Stewart Bros. will have much opposition in their bid for the State printing this year.

A New Inlet Formed.

Information was received yesterday from Wrightsville that the storm had opened a new inlet from the ocean to the sound about a quarter of a mile north of Moore's inlet. Soundings made in the new cut yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock showed five feet water in the channel. The new inlet can be seen plainly from Wrightsville.

The condition of affairs at Ocean View yesterday morning was reported unchanged; but a gentleman who came up from Wrightsville by the afternoon train, said that Mr. James Sprunt's cottage, undermined and careened by the waves (as reported by the STAR) had toppled over and fallen flat on the beach.

Mr. H. A. Kure went down to Carolina Beach yesterday morning to ascertain the condition of the cottages and other properties there. He returned in the afternoon and reported that no damage had been done there by the storm. Capt. J. W. Harper telegraphed from Southport as follows: "One old bath house washed down by the storm. No other damage done at Carolina Beach."

Died After a Short Illness.

Mr. Isaac T. Reaves, a young married man, who came to Wilmington about eight months ago from Mount Olive, Wayne county, and has been working in one of the saw mills here, died yesterday at his residence on Ninth street, between Queen and Wooster, after an illness of only three days. His remains will be taken to Mount Olive to-day for interment there.

For the Kirmess.

Special rehearsals will be held to-day by performers in the Kirmess as follows:

At 9 00 a. m., the Greek cymbal dancers and Greek attendants.

At 12 00 m., Indian moon dancers.

At 4.00 p. m., the Gypsy tambourine dancers.

SPRECKELS GOT MAD.

He Said the Decision Giving the Fitzsimmons-Sharkey Fight to Sharkey Was an Outrage—He Was Fighting Mad.

NEW YORK, December 3.—The *Evening World's* San Francisco dispatch, reporting the Fitzsimmons-Sharkey fight last night, says:

Adolph Spreckels, son of the sugar king, met President Groom after the decision was given out and declared himself in strong terms. Shaking his fist in Groom's face, he shouted: "You and all the members of the club are in with this steal! If this decision stands I'll do all in my power to have boxing stopped in San Francisco. The decision was an outrage. It was fixed and you know it."

Groom denied being implicated in any deal to award the fight to Sharkey, and voiced Spreckels' sentiment as to the outrageous decision. As Spreckels is strong in politics, and his brother, John, is one of the bosses here, his threat to stop prize fighting if the decision was not changed is no idle one, and carries great weight.

Major McLaughlin, chairman of the Republican committee, was with Spreckels at the time he made his charge and upheld the millionaire in the stand he took. Both men were greatly worked up.

James O'Neil, one of the biggest bookmakers of the country, said he held $3,000 on the contest, and that he would not pay it under the circumstances. He said that Fitzsimmons had earned the decision fairly, and that he would not give up to Sharkey's backers.

"When a man put his hands in my pockets and steals my money," he said, "I have him arrested. I consider the decision a stolen one, so I'll await developments."

This was the decision of all men who booked on the fight. To a man they had laid heavy odds against Sharkey.

One thing in favor of the backers of Fitzsimmons is the fact that Julian objected to Wyatt Earp for referee and stated from the ring that he had learned from good authority that Sharkey was to be given a decision, whether deservedly or not.

After the fight Earp forced his way through the crowd and could not be found by even his most intimate friends.

AT HAVANA'S GATES.

Insurgent Attack on Guanabacoa More Serious Than at First Stated—Spanish Garrison Killed.

HAVANA, December 3.—The insurgent attack on Guanabacoa, on the outskirts of this city, on Tuesday night last, was a much more serious affair than at first stated. According to insurgents accounts, Guanabacoa was attacked simultaneously at several points at 10 30 o'clock Tuesday night, while another insurgent force fired upon the Spanish outposts at Bucaranas, on the coast. The garrison of the fort, it is added, left that place to resist the attack on the town, but was ambuscaded between stone walls and farm fences by about 300 insurgents and, in spite of the gallant defense made, all the Spaniards were killed. The exact number of soldiers slain is not known. It is admitted that a number of insurgents were also killed, but here again the number is not stated.

The insurgents broke the Spanish picket lines, entered the city and set fire to a large number of houses in Aguacate and Palo Bionco streets. These thoroughfares, as a rule, contained private residences or cheap buildings occupied by refugees. Only one store of importance was burned, it is said, although the insurgents made many efforts to set fire to other stores.

The local authorities are doing everything possible to conceal the real facts in the case, but there is no doubt that they have received a bad scare and that the insurgents have demonstrated that it would not be a very difficult matter, in spite of the reports of the military commanders, to create just such another "scare," to say the least, in the city of Havana itself.

WHITE CAPS IN WAYNE.

Two Sons of J. D. Langston Undertake to Regulate the Old Man's Matrimonial Affairs.

[*Goldsboro Headlight*]

The usually quiet neighborhood in Fork township, what is known as Person's Bridge, was disturbed by distressing cries Saturday night, coming from the home of Mr. J. D. Langston. It seems that the "old man" took unto himself another wife last August in the person of Miss Catherine Denning, which "match" was unfavorably looked upon by his children.

Last Saturday night, about 9 o'clock, his two sons, Benjamin and Matthew, accompanied by their brother-in-law, William Lancaster, went to the old home disguised as "White Caps," and, after putting out all the lights, threatened the newly made bride with a whipping if she did not leave their father and the neighborhood at once. The woman, not knowing who they were, took their advice and left, followed by the "cappers." She is at present domiciled with friends in this city.

Their identity becoming known to her Monday, she had all three arrested and brought to this city. The case was tried before Justice Broadhurst Tuesday morning, and the three law-breakers were bound over to court, each in $100 justified bond. Thus far only Matthew Langston has been able to furnish the required bail and the two others are now boarding with Sheriff Scott in the county jail.

ALPHONSO AVERY.

A Son of Judge Avery Assaulted and Stabbed by Two Negroes—His Condition Critical.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 4.—Alphonso Avery, son of Judge Avery, was set upon in Morganton last night by two negroes and stabbed five times. His condition is critical. The difficulty was the result of a political discussion.

[By Southern Associated Press]

CHARLOTTE December 4.—A special to the *Observer* to-night from Morganton says that A. C. Avery, Jr., son of Justice A. C. Avery, of the North Carolina Supreme Court, was assaulted by two negroes last night and stabbed in five places, perhaps fatally. When first attacked he knocked one of the negroes down, but the other seized him about the waist while the first negro used his knife. Avery was unarmed and lost a gallon of blood, while seeking a weapon with which to return to the attack. He found a billiard cue, but the negroes had fled. Mr. Avery thinks the assault was premeditated because of his having knocked down a brother of one of his assailants during election week. He is very weak and his life hangs by a thread.

— Mr. J. W. Odom, of Greensboro, car inspector for the C. F. & Y. V. R. R., was in the city yesterday.

THE MORNING STAR.

The elections are over, but there will be many events of great interest during the coming twelve months.

Congress meets the first Monday in December. The North Carolina Legislature assembles early in January. It will elect a United States Senator, and there will be a great struggle between the friends of silver and the friends of gold.

Governor-elect Russell will be inaugurated, and everybody will be anxious to know what will be his policy.

There are many other questions of great public interest to be discussed and settled, and those who wish to keep abreast of the times must have a daily newspaper.

From all over the State THE MORNING STAR has received praise and congratulations for the consistent and determined fight it made for Bimetallism and true Democracy in the recent campaign. More than this, the increase in its circulation during the past few months has never, we feel sure, been equalled in the history of North Carolina daily newspapers.

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A Boom for Maxton.

Maxton *Scottish Chief:* "We venture the prediction that Maxton is on the threshold of the greatest building era in its history. Numbers of real estate deals which have not found their way into print, have been made here and in the immediate vicinity. The fact that two families within the next month will remove to other places for lack of houses of proper size, and that others are debating the matter, is evidence that something must be done if Maxton is to hold its place as the progressive town it claims to be."

Frying Pan Shoals Lightship.

A press dispatch from Charleston, S. C., to the STAR says:

Frying Pan Shoals lightship broke away from her moorings last Tuesday night. Captain Nelson took good care of and brought her to Charleston bar. The steamer *Wysteria* went out to her, and finding everything all right towed her back to the shoals.

The Churches.

Grace Methodist E. Church, South, northeast corner of Grace and Fourth streets, Rev. R. A. Willis, Pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7 45 p. m. Experience meeting at 10 a. m. in the lecture room. Sunday school at 3.30 p. m. Weekly prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday evening at 8.00 o'clock. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to attend these services.

Fifth Street M. E. Church South, situated on Fifth street, between Nun and Church, Rev. W. L. Cunningim, Pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 a. m and 7.30 p. m. by the pastor. Prayer and class meeting at 6 45 p. m. Sunday Sch ol at 3.00 p. m. The public cordially invited to all services.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex D. McClure, pastor. Sabbath services at 11 a. m. and 7 30 p. m. Sabbath School at 3 30 p. m. Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday at 8.00 p. m. The public cordially invited. Seats free.

South Side Baptist Church, corner Fifth and Wooster streets; Rev. J. B. Harrell, Pastor. Services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 2 30 p. m. Weekly Prayer Meeting Wednesday night at 7.30.

Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Sixth and Queen streets. There will be the usual services on Sunday at 11 a m and 8 p m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Notice.

THE UNDERSIGNED GIVES NOTICE THAT certificate for one share, Number —, of the Capital stock of the Seaboard & Roanoke Railroad Company, standing on the books of said company in his name, has been lost or destroyed; that he will apply to the Board of Directors of said company to have a new certificate issued him, as provided in Section 19 of the Charter of said company.
nov 7 3m ss JAMES KNIGHT.

Notice.

I HAVE THIS DAY SOLD MY ENTIRE interest and good will in the Insurance business of Stedman & Worth to James S. Worth.
FRANK H. STEDMAN.
December 1st, 1896. dec 3 1t

Sale of Stock.

BY DIRECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIrectors of the "East Carolina Pisctorial Association," I will expose for sale to the highest bidder, at public auction for cash, at the Court House door of New Hanover county, in the City of Wilmington, on Saturday the 26th day of December, 1896, at 12 o'clock M., twenty shares of the capital stock of the "East Carolina Pisctorial Association," standing in the name of Thomas Perrett to satisfy and pay the sum of two hundred and twenty dollars, due as unpaid assessments on said stock; said assessments having been duly and regularly called by order of the said board and payment thereof having been duly refused by Thomas Perrett, the subscriber to said stock.
JOHN D. BELLAMY, JR.,
dec 4 10t Attorney.

Shoes For The Boys.

Boys are apt to be hard on Shoes, but we have the Shoes adapted to rough usage. One pair of our youth's Kangaroo Calf Lace Shoes at $1.25, or a pair of our "Little Dude" Shoes at $1.25 will convince you that for economy we have the Shoe. Be sure and see them before purchasing elsewhere.

Geo. R. French & Sons.
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If you want any sort of Help,
If you want to Clerk,
If you want to Keep Books,
If you want to Drive,
If you want Office Work,
If you want to Nurse,
If you want to Cook,
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Red Tabasco Pepper Sauce—Hot? Well, yes.
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Finest quality of Citron.
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For Sale at Rock Bottom Prices.
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THE KINSTON FREE PRESS will publish a Daily during the N. C. Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, which meets in Kinston, December 9th to 14th, 1896.
It will be published Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, and will contain full reports of the Conference proceedings.
Mailed daily to any address on receipt of 25 cents in stamps or silver.
Agent wanted in every town.
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The Morning Star.

By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 5, 1896

OUR MERCHANT MARINE.

It is a remarkable and an astonishing fact that a nation which is as progressive and broad-viewed as ours is on general principles should pursue such a stupid policy in regard to its merchant marine, a policy which has forced it to take position behind second and third class nations. If we were a nation with but little sea-front, and but few harbors, with but few possibilities of becoming a commercial power, this would not be so remarkable, but with more sea front than any nation in the world, with more good harbors than any nation in the world, the great food producer of the world, the great cotton grower of the world, facing on one side Europe, which needs our food-stuffs and on the other side the teeming millions of Asia, where our commerce ought to be almost unlimited, it is incomprehensible that a policy should be pursued that drove the American flag from the high seas and makes it impossible to float it over unsubsidized ships.

Up to 1860 three-fourths of our foreign commerce was carried in our ships, and we had in those days of sailing vessels some of the fliers of the sea. We also had steamers, that would compare favorably with any in the world. But the statesmen who became absorbed in the thought of building up American industries killed the American ship-building industry by levying taxes on ship-building materials, and killed the business of sailing ships by refusing to American capital the privilege of buying ships abroad, which they could not buy at home, at a price that would enable them to compete with the man who bought his ships in foreign yards.

The motive which originally inspired the shipping laws was a good one; and they worked very well, for the material for building ships, when it was wooden ships that were built, was abundant and the skill to build them was at command, but when the iron steamer supplanted the wooden sailer there came a change in the conditions, and when the protective tariff, whether the motive that inspired that was good or not, put a duty on the materials out of which the ships were built the conditions became fatal to American shipping. Result; American ship yards were closed, one of the industries that was to be protected and fostered died, the American flag speedily disappeared from the high seas, and has been seen but little since. This flag floats on but four steamers out of the hundreds of ocean plowers that leave our principal Atlantic ports, and these four are subsidized mail carriers—two of them American ships, two of them foreign, owned by American capital and allowed to carry the American flag by special act of Congress.

If this special act were made general we would soon have scores of foreign built ships sailing under the American flag and we would soon have a merchant marine, and we would in twelve months save enough on the money we pay foreign ship owners to carry our freights both ways across the oceans to build and equip ship yards enough to build all the ships we would need. To do our carrying we have been paying foreign ship owners from $100,000,000 to $150,000,000 a year, and we have been doing this for a generation. Put it at $75,000,000 and we have over $2,000,000,000 which we have paid to foreign ship owners to do the carrying that we had not the ships to do, but should have and would have if it were not for the stupid ship destroying policy that has been pursued, under pretence of fostering the ship-building industry in this country. A pretty big price to pay, isn't it, to encourage an industry that isn't encouraged by it?

We had a pretty respectable fleet on the Pacific, about forty-three steamers, running to Asiatic and South Pacific ports. Most of these received more or less subsidy for carrying the American mails. But even these are threatened now, for foreign ships are competing with them and American capital is forced to go abroad to buy ships and sail them under the British and Hawaiian flags.

The principal competitor is Japan, whose steamers now number fifty-five, compared with thirteen five years ago, equal in all respects and in some superior to the American fleet, because some of the vessels are of the latest and best English and German build.

In his last report the U. S. Commissioner of Navigation shows how the commerce of the Pacific is passing into foreign bottoms. He says: "In 18-0 the tonnage of American vessels entering the United States from the ports of Asia and Oceanica was 283,395 tons, and of foreign vessels 442,251 tons. In 1895 the American tonnage entering was 308,581 tons, the foreign tonnage 657,206 tons. The large and profitable carrying trade once conducted between Asiatic and European ports by American vessels, which seldom entered American ports, has almost entirely passed away."

While in these fifteen years the American ships made a gain of 25,086 tons, foreign ships in the same time made a gain of 214,955, nearly as much as the American ships had fifteen years ago. At this rate of increase, with the further fact that our American ship sailers on the Pacific are now being forced to go abroad to buy their ships and sail them under foreign flags, how long will it be until the American flag passes from the Pacific as it has passed from the Atlantic ocean, and before it comes down before Japan's as it has come down before the British flag, which now floats over our commerce in the Atlantic and over our own mails? Is stupidity or criminality the right word for a policy which results in this?

MINOR MENTION.

To us Japan is one of the most interesting nations in the world, as its achievements are among the most remarkable of any nation in the world. A quarter of a century ago she attracted but little attention, while now the eyes of the world are on her, and she has not only taken place but a conspicuous place among the leading nations of the world. Before the war with China she was not classed with the fighting nations, but the marvellous prowess she so unexpectedly showed, and the admirable skill with which that prowess was directed and led, and the daring courage that boldly invaded a country with a population ten times as numerous as her own, at once gave her a front rank among the martial nations. The war over she laid down the sword as quickly as she took it up, and turned her attention to the things of peace as if she had never been engaged in war. One of the most if not *the* most progressive nation in the world, as soon as her sealed gates were opened to the world, less than half a century ago, she began to build for future greatness; she sent her bright young men abroad into the progressive nations of the earth to study their methods, to learn and apply the knowledge thus acquired in training home thought and skill for the building up of Japan. There was no parade about this; it was done quietly, but continuously the work went on, until today that nation stands as one of the best equipped of nations for war and for peace, and the most thoroughly self sustaining and independent. Her manufactories not only make everything she needs, but her manufacturers are becoming the competitors in many things of the manufacturers of other countries. An illustration of this progressive spirit is shown by the advance made in cotton manufacturing, when the ten mills in operation in 1888 have increased to sixty-three, which employ 43,000 persons day and night, and within that time she has built up a merchant marine that bids fair to soon control the commerce of the Pacific. These are but a few illustrations of the wonderful progress of this marvellous nation.

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Wheat a few day ago reached a dollar a bushel in New York, the highest point in several years. Some of the McKinley organs and Democratic gold organs are pointing to the advance in wheat as a verification of the predictions made during the campaign that the election of McKinley and the triumph of "sound money" would bring prosperity to the country and to the farmer. But the election has had nothing to do with the continued advance in the price of wheat and corn (which was benefitted by the advance in wheat). The cause for this is found in the crop failure in India and the short crops in Russia and Argentina, which makes a shortage in the world's supply of from between 130,000,000 and 150,000,000 bushels, for which it must depend mainly on this country. If it were not for the fact that corn is being used so largely abroad as a substitute for wheat the price would rise much higher than a dollar a bushel, which it may yet do when the large buyers get the bulk of what is still left for export in their hands. But these high prices will not last long unless there should be continued crop failures, for the probabilities are that, stimulated by the advance in prices, the average wheat grower may conclude that the turning point has been passed, that better prices have come to stay and the result will be a large increase of acreage and a big crop next year, if nothing happens, which, with the usual crop from other countries, will mean low prices again unless there should be some extraordinary cause, war or something else, to create an unusual demand.

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The report of J. C. Scarborough, Superintendent of Public Instruction, will show, as we gather from a condensation of an advance sheet furnished the Raleigh *Biblical Recorder*, that there are in this State 635,452 children of school age (between 6 and 21 years). Ninety-five per cent. of these, or 603,673 of these are dependent upon the public schools. There are 7,171 public schools in the State, upon which is expended for teachers $690,161.54, an average of $95 a year for each school. The number of school districts is 7,807, from which it appears that there are 616 districts in which there are no schools. The total amount of money expended in the schools for the year is $835,265. Deducting from this the amount paid teachers it leaves $145,104 expended for school houses, sites, expenses of county boards, furniture, fuel, etc.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— John Sherman now enjoys the honor of having served in the Senate longer than any other man. He is two years ahead of Thomas H. Benton and apparently good for six years more.—*Atlanta Journal, Dem.*

—— A Democratic-Republican party, such as is proposed by sound money Democrats, would be only an ante chamber to Republicanism, and is, therefore, superfluous so long as Republican party is open to all decent Americans.—*N. Y. Commercial Advertiser, Rep.*

—— A Western correspondent suggests that a sound money Democrat who should enter McKinley's cabinet would be like the dog that ate up its tag when sent on a journey by express. No one could tell where the dog belonged.—*Augusta Chronicle, Dem.*

—— "Make haste slowly" appears to be the motto that has lately commended itself to the consideration of General Weyler in Cuba, and, presumably, this is because he came near falling into the trap set for him by the rebels in Pinar del Rio, and is afraid of falling into another.—*Brooklyn Citizen, Dem.*

TWINKLINGS.

— A Crusty Opinion—"Uncle Theophilus, what is a grass widow?"

"Well, she's a widow whose husband didn't have to die to get rid of her."—*Detroit Free Press.*

— Crimsonback — That alarm clock of mine went last night for the first time in a year.

Yeast—Why didn't it go before?

Crimsonback—Well, because it's the first time I ever fired it at a cat.—*Yonkers Statesman.*

— The shade of Charles I made no denial. "It is true," it finally remarked, "that I lost my head. But can you wonder? The way I got it in the neck was something awful."—*Detroit Tribune.*

— "It is my intention to vote as I shot," said a Northern man who had settled in Alabama. "Stranger, you are mistaken," remarked a native. "You vote as I tell you, or I'll shoot."—*Pittsburg Chronicle-Democrat.*

— She—"Whom would you rather be if you were not yourself?"

He—"You."

She—"Why?"

He—"Because I'd know I could have me if I wanted me."—*Puck.*

— Magistrate—"Do you mean to say such a physical wreck as he is gave you that black eye?"

Complaining Wife—"Shure, your honor, he wasn't a physical wreck till after he give me th' black eye."—*Puck.*

— Bereaved—Well, doctor, now that the interval permits my speaking calmly of my husband's demise, I am prompted to ask your confirmed opinion as to the cause of his death.

Doctor—A complication of diseases, madam.

Bereaved—Ah! That was so like him. He always was versatile in everything.—*Richmond Dispatch.*

Appointments for Visitation by Bishop the of East Carolina.

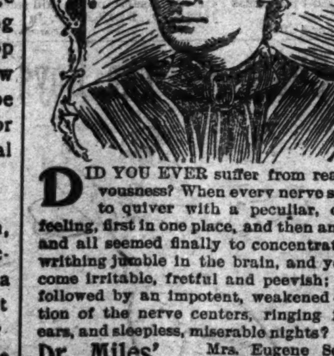
December 6, Sunday, 2d in Advent, M. P., Lenoir county, Holy Innocents.
December 6, Sunday, 2d in Advent, E. P., Kinston, S. Mary's.
December 8, Tuesday, E. P., Trenton, Grace.
December 9, Wednesday, Com., Trenton, Grace.
December 13, Sunday, 3rd in Advent, M. P., Snow Hill, S. Barnabas.
December 15, Tuesday, M. P., Farmville, Emanuel.
December 16, Wednesday, E. P., Hamilton, S. Martin's.
December 17, Thursday, Com., Hamilton, S. Martin's.
December 18, Friday, E. P., Winston, S. John's.
December 19, Saturday, Com., Winston, S. John's.
December 20, Sunday, 4th in Advent, Murfreesboro, S. Barnabas.
December 25, Christmas, Woodville, Bertie county, Grace.
December 27, Sunday after Christmas, M. P., Roxobel, S. Mark's.
M. P.—Morning Prayer.
E. P.—Evening Prayer.
Com.—Communion.
At all Morning Services the Holy Communion.
The Vestries will please be ready to meet the Bishop.
The Children will please be prepared to be catechized.
Offerings for Diocesan Missions unless otherwise announced.

APPOINTMENTS.

Wilmington District—W. S. Rone, P. E.
Whiteville and Fair Bluff, Whiteville, Nov 22, 23.
Bladen circuit, Antioch, Nov. 28, 29.
Wilmington, Bladen Street, Dec. 3.
Onslow circuit Tabernacle, Dec. 5, 6.

— Monroe *Journal*: Mr. D. M. Crowell, who lived in Goose Creek township, died last Thursday night of typhoid fever. He was about 45 years of age.

Almost Distracted?



DID YOU EVER suffer from real nervousness? When every nerve seemed to quiver with a peculiar, creepy feeling, first in one place, and then another and all seemed finally to concentrate in a writhing jumble in the brain, and you become irritable, fretful and peevish; to be followed by an impotent, weakened condition of the nerve centers, ringing in the ears, and sleepless, miserable nights?

Dr. Miles' Nervine Restores Health...... Mrs. Eugene Searles, 110 Simonton St., Elkhart, Ind., says: "Nervous troubles had made me nearly insane and physicians were unable to help me. My memory was almost gone and every little thing worried me until I was almost distracted. I really feared I was becoming a maniac. I imagined all sorts of evil things and would cry over nothing. I commenced taking Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine and four bottles of this wonderful remedy completely cured me, and I am as well now as I ever was."

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For sale by all Druggists.
June 15 ly   su tu th   Change.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Clinton *Democrat*: Mr. Jacob Underwood, a venerable and esteemed citizen of Honeycutts, died at his home on Friday morning, the 27th, after a lingering illness.

— Durham *Sun*: It is learned that Horace Mason, who is said to be the tallest man in the State, died at his home at Chapel Hill last Saturday night, at the age of 60 years.

— Goldsboro *Headlight*: The death of Mrs. Ozora Lee, wife of Mr. A. S. Lee and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Fields, of this city, occurred at her home in Pollocksville, Jones county, after a continued fever illness, Thursday night.

— Goldsboro *Argus*: A strange wild fowl, something like a wild goose, but of unknown species here, was picked up in the streets early this morning, after a vigorous fight, by John Atmore. It is supposed that the bird lost its way in the storm last night and came in contact with the large electric light near Capt. R. P. Hollowell's residence, where John found it this morning. —— Another strange bird—strange for this section, was captured in this city yesterday, near the Presbyterian church, which the storm had doubtless driven out of its course. It was an immense blue heron, that stood as high as a man, and of immense spread of wings.

— Raleigh *Press-Visitor*: It is learned that the Populists have virtually agreed to go in caucus by themselves and nominate a candidate whom they will support throughout the session, if necessary. The Populist leaders do not hesitate to say that they will elect one of their number. Col. Dockery is said to have a stronger support than any other one candidate in the Populist party. —— It is stated on high authority that many counties in North Carolina will ask the Legislature at its approaching session to give them a dispensary law, similar to the one for the past two years in effect in Haywood county. It is a slight modification of the South Carolina.

— Statesville *Landmark*: Mrs. Annie Denny Armfield, wife of Hon. R. F. Armfield, died quite suddenly at her home on Broad street about 10.30 o'clock Friday night. About two years ago Mrs. Armfield suffered a stroke of paralysis, but partially recovered from it and was able to go about the house. Friday night she was apparently in her usual health when, about 8 o'clock, she was again stricken with paralysis and death ensued about two and a half hours later. Mrs. Armfield was born in Guilford county about 60 years ago. —— The statement comes from Raleigh that the Republicans have $100,000 to spend to secure the re-election of Senator Pritchard. If this statement is one-fourth true Pritchard is as good as elected now. Indeed, anybody with ordinary tact could take $10,000 and win with him in a walk.

A Christmas Gift of Gorham Silver

will, of course, be more highly prized than the product of some unknown maker. Anything with the GORHAM Trade-mark is a matter of pride, always—never any doubt of its Sterling quality—nothing but praise for its artistic beauty.

Too Good for Dry Goods Stores—Jewelers only.

A LITTLE CHILD LED THEM.

How Husband and Wife Were Held Together by a Baby Daughter.

The ventilating shaft of a Harlem flat is responsible for the publicity of a touching episode, from which the true names are purposely omitted.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones had for several months been living under strained conditions that cast a cloud over their home, which threatened to break in a storm that would disrupt the little family of three members. Last week the breaking point was reached and husband and wife agreed that a separation was the only possible course. But there was a little daughter, Eva, 5 years of age. Which parent was to have her? It was decided that the child should answer this question.

"Eva," said the mother as she was seated near the ventilating shaft, holding the child's hand, while the father, with contracted brows, was standing at the other end of the room, "my dear little daughter, papa and mamma are not going to live together any longer; we are going to separate and go far, far away from each other. We can't be happy in the same house. Now, my child, we want you to say which one of us you will live with. You must choose between mamma and papa."

The eyes of the little girl filled with tears as she turned them on her father, who had averted his face and stood with bowed head. She did not speak then, but was apparently in thought, very deep for her little experience. She loosened the hand that held her and moved quickly toward her father, who turned with outstretched arms and a smile of triumph to welcome her. A deep frown settled on the mother's face.

The child did not then break her silence, but taking her father's hand in hers led him with a tender force which he could not resist to the other end of the room.

"Papa and mamma," she said, as she held a hand of each, "I want to live with both of you. I must have you both. Now kiss, make up and be happy. Please, papa and mamma."

The appeal was irresistible. Mr. and Mrs. Jones were folded in each other's arms, and the three for a moment were in tears, which smiles of joy soon banished.—New York Herald.

Machinery Quickly Stopped.

A Frenchman has devised a contrivance for quickly stopping heavy machinery. Upon touching a button the power is shut off and a powerful brake applied to the flywheel. A 20 horsepower engine working at 90 revolutions per second was stopped in two-thirds of a second.

You can't be well if your blood is impure, but you may have pure blood and good health by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. †

Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors she had Consumption, and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her, and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 139 Florida St., San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching Consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottles at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. Regular size 50c and $1.00. †

WEAPONS FOR WHEELMEN.

Big Pistols and Little Carried by Men and Women Who Wheel.

A man went into a gun store the other day and asked to see a firearm such as the cyclists were buying. A wicked little revolver of 32 caliber, rim fire, with a three inch barrel, rubber grip and the metal parts nickel plated, was shown first. There was a bit of rust on the rifling of the barrel that would displease a man fond of his weapons; still that was what the cyclists were buying. It was sold at $4, and a holster and belt cost 85 cents more. It would do to kill a dog anywhere within ten feet of the wheelman, if the shooter knew how to handle it.

When asked to show the very best revolver for a wheelman's use, the clerk brought out a blued metal work, black rubber handled, 32 caliber, center fire, five shot revolver, costing $10.50. In the hands of a man or woman who could shoot at all, this weapon would be deadly to anything from the size of a man down. Its effective range would be up to about 30 yards, while the bullet, if it landed, would kill a big cur dog 300 yards away easily. The charge of powder is so small that a woman would not be annoyed by the sound or kick.

A three inch single barreled pistol of 22 caliber would disable a dog and could be carried in a coat or in an upper vest pocket. For an extremely sensitive woman such a pistol would not be a cause of worry in firing, since the charge of powder is so small as to be inaudible at a hundred or so yards, but, properly aimed, it would kill a man.

A weapon which sportsmen cyclists use a good deal on trips into regions like New Jersey and the Catskill mountains is a 22 caliber pistol with a 10 or 12 inch barrel. All told, this pistol weighs a pound. It is accurate for a range of 100 yards and will send a bullet through four or five inches of spruce. A barrel three inches long may be had for the same stock. It is easily carried in a long pocket inside one's coat, where it would be out of sight, but handy in case of need. A similar pistol weighing three pounds is made. Deer have been killed with them and they are fine for shooting bothersome curs, if the wheelman is so disposed. They are easily fastened to handle bars of wheels or along the upper tube of the frame behind the toolbag.

Some wheelmen prefer heavy weapons and get those of 38 caliber or larger. The recoil and noise are objectionable, but the size of the bullets, to their minds, outweighs these disadvantages. A 41 caliber single barreled derringer has a number of devotees, but it kicks wickedly and not very good work can be done with it save at the very shortest range. Gamblers in old days used such weapons, and the way they shot men armed with three pound revolvers across card tables was a caution. A five shot revolver, 32 caliber, weighs but little more and has considerable backing if the first shot misses.

There are a good many women who carry revolvers of one kind or another, and some know how to use them.—New York Sun.

Poor Killing.

It is usual to compare the battles of the last century with the battles of today and to dilate upon the greater deadliness of the modern weapons and the modern results. But the facts are all the other way. At Fontenoy, for instance, one volley of the Coldstreams struck down 450 Frenchmen of the Regiment du Roi. Again, at the same battle, the Gardes du Corps had not much short of 500 saddles emptied by a single volley, while the French guards were scattered by a point blank volley from a British regiment at 20 paces that brought down 450 men. Here we have at Krugersdorp thousands of Boers in cover shooting for hours on two days at 600 Englishmen in the open and killing very few compared to the hundreds who dropped at one volley from the Coldstreams at Fontenoy.

The fact is that modern fighting tends more and more to become a game of long bowls. This was the cause of the small execution done at Krugersdorp. On the other hand, our forefathers at Fontenoy and elsewhere held their fire till they were within 20 or 30 paces, and the officers passed their canes along the musket barrels to make sure they were not aimed too high before the volley was delivered. Moreover, the men were formed in solid column or square and every shot told. It looks as if the great range of the rifle would be followed by less loss of men, and certainly the rapidity of the discharge of the magazine rifle tends to encourage wild and careless shooting and is against cool and accurate marksmanship.—Saturday Review.

A Strange African Race.

Strange stories are told of the Dokos, who live among the moist, warm bamboo woods to the south of Kaffa and Susa, in Africa. Only 4 feet high, of a dark olive color, savage and naked, they have neither houses nor temples, neither fire nor human food. They live only on ants, mice and serpents, diversified by a few roots and fruits. They let their nails grow long, like talons, the better to dig for ants and the more easily to tear in pieces their favorite snakes.

The Dokos used to be invaluable as slaves, and they were taken in large numbers. The slave hunters used to hold up bright colored clothes as they came to the moist, warm bamboo woods, where these human monkeys still live, and the poor Dokos could not resist the attractions offered by such superior people. They crowded around them and were taken in thousands.

These queer people have only one fault—a love for ants, mice and serpents and a habit of speaking to Yer with their heads on the ground and their heels in the air. Yer is their idea of a superior power, to whom they talk in this comical manner when they are dispirited or angry, or tired of ants and snakes and longing for unknown food. The Dokos seem to come nearest of all people yet discovered to that terrible cousin to humanity, the ape.—Exchange.

Consistent Fatality.

"I was just dying to see it!"

"Yes?"

"Yes, and when I saw it it was perfectly killing."—Detroit Tribune.

The Motive.

"Why have you pursued me all these years?" wearily demanded the princess of the drama.

"I don't know," answered the wily miscreant, "unless it was to give you a chance to wear all your costumes."

Drawing his mantle more closely about him, he nodded to the leader of the orchestra.—Detroit Tribune.

Mothers

Anxiously watch declining health of their daughters. So many are cut off by consumption in early years that there is real cause for anxiety. In the early stages, when not beyond the reach of medicine, Hood's Sarsaparilla will restore the quality and quantity of the blood and thus give good health. Read the following letter:

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Cough

and nothing seemed to do her any good. I happened to read about Hood's Sarsaparilla and had her give it a trial. From the very first dose she began to get better. After taking a few bottles she was completely cured and her health has been the best ever since." MRS. ADDIE PECK, 12 Railroad Place, Amsterdam, N. Y.

"I will say that my mother has not stated my case in as strong words as I would have done. Hood's Sarsaparilla has truly cured me and I am now well." CORA PECK, Amsterdam, N. Y.

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Sides ₱ ℔	6	@	7
Shoulders ₱ ℔	6	@	6¾
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Sides ₱ ℔	4½	@	4¾
Shoulders ₱ ℔		@	4½
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Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each	1 35	@	1 40
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Wilmington ₱ M	6 50	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ₱ ℔	15	@	
Northern	23	@	
CORN MEAL—			
Per Bushel, in sacks	40	@	42½
Virginia Meal	40	@	42½
COTTON TIES—₱ bundle		@	1 20
CANDLES—₱ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	9	@	10
CHEESE ₱ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream	11	@	12
State		@	10
COFFEE—₱ ℔—			
Laguyra	20	@	
Rio	10	@	16
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ₱ yard		@	5¾
Yarns ₱ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—₱ dozen	19	@	16
FISH—			
Mackerel, No 1, ₱ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No 1, ₱ half-barrel	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No 2, ₱ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No 2, ₱ half-barrel	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No 3, ₱ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ₱ barrel	3 00	@	3 25
Mullets, ₱ pork barrel	5 75	@	6 00
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Dry Cod, ₱ ℔	5	@	10
" Extra	3 35	@	3 50
FLOUR—₱ barrel—			
Low grade	3 25	@	3 30
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Straight	4 75	@	4 85
First Patent	4 45	@	5 25
GLUE—₱ ℔—	7½	@	8½
GRAIN—₱ bushel—			45
Corn, from store, bags—White,		@	1 42
Corn, cargo, in bulk—White		@	40
Corn, cargo, in bags—White		@	40
Oats, from store	30	@	32½
Oats, Rust Proof	40	@	45
Cow Peas	45	@	50
HIDES, ₱ ℔—			
Green		@	16
Dry		@	8
HAY, ₱ 100 ℔s—			
Eastern		@	1 05
Western		@	90
North River		@	85
HOOP IRON, ₱ ℔	2	@	2¼
LARD, ₱ ℔—			
Northern	5½	@	6½
North Carolina	6	@	10
LIME ₱ barrel		@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed), ₱ M feet—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, common	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ₱ gallon—			
New Crop Cuba, in hhds		@	22
" " " in bbls		@	23
Porto Rico, in hhds	25	@	29
" in bbls		@	30
Sugar-House, in hhds	12	@	14
" " in bbls	14	@	15
Syrup, in bbls	18	@	
NAILS, ₱ keg, Cut 60d basis	2 35	@	2 64
PORK, ₱ barrel—			
City Mess	8 50	@	9 00
Rump		@	8 00
Prime		@	8 00
ROPE ₱ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ₱ sack Alum		@	75
Liverpool		@	65
Lisbon		@	
American		@	65
On 125 ℔ Sacks	40	@	45
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ₱ M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 60	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ₱ ℔—Standard Granu'd		@	[illegible]
Standard A		@	[illegible]
White Ex. C		@	[illegible]
Extra C, Golden	4	@	[illegible]
C Yellow		@	[illegible]
SOAP, ₱ ℔—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ₱ M—W. O. barrel	8 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ₱ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	4 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	3 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
TALLOW, ₱ ℔	5	@	
WHISKEY, ₱ gallon—Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, December 3.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady at 24⅛ cents per gallon for machine-made casks, and 24 cents for country casks.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1 45 per bbl for Strained and $1 50 for Good Strained.

TAR—Market steady at $1 10 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Quiet. Hard $1 40, Yellow Dip 1 90, and Virgin 1 80 per barrel.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine 25@24½c; rosin, strained, $1 35; good strained, 1 40; tar, 0 95; crude turpentine, $1 10, 1 50, 1 60.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	11
Rosin	108
Tar	89
Crude Turpentine	22

Receipts same day last year—134 casks spirits turpentine, 601 bbls rosin, 169 bbls tar, 19 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 7c for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	4⅝	cts ₱ ℔
Good Ordinary	6	" "
Low Middling	6⅝	" "
Middling	7	" "
Good Middling	7 5-16	" "

Same day last year, middling 8c.

Receipts—324 bales; same day last year 1,855.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 40@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60@65c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 60@65c; Fancy, 65@70c.

CORN—Firm; 38 to 40 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—65@70 cents per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams 8 to 11½c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1 60 to 2 25; six inch, $2 50 to 3.50; seven inch, $5 50 to 6 50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 7.50 per M.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, December 4—Evening.—Money on call to-day was easy 1½@2 per cent; last loan at 1½ per cent., closing offered at 1½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange was firm, with actual business in bankers bills 483⅝@484, sixty days and 486⅜@487 for demand. Commercial bills 482¾@483⅛. Government bonds steady; United States coupon fours 110½; United States twos 95; State bonds dull; North Carolina fours 100; North Carolina sixes 119. Railroad bonds strong.

Silver at the Stock Exchange to day was quiet.

COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, December 4—Evening.—Cotton dull; middling gulf —c; middling 7 9-16c.

Cotton futures—market closed weak; December 7 25, January 7 31, February 7 39, March 7 47, April 7 52, May 7 57, June 7 61, July 7 63, August 7 65. Sales 234 500 bales.

Cotton—net receipts 1,616 bales; gross 5,409 bales; exports to Great Britain —— bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent 783 bales; forwarded 466 bales; sales 2,047 bales; sales to spinners 47 bales; stock 248 842 bales.

Weekly—Net receipts 12,985 bales; gross 51 125 bales; exports to Great Britain 8,013 bales; to France 1 188 bales; to the Continent 3,491 bales; forwarded 10 887; bales; sales —— bales spinners to sales 226 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 43 801 bales; exports to Great Britain 24,910 bales; to France 800 bales; to the Continent 16,128 bales; stock 1,312 610 bales.

Total so far this week—Net receipts 269,136 bales; exports to Great Britain 82 006 bales; to France 26,101 bales; to the Continent 50,758 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 3 785,697 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,325 877 bales; exports to France 806 487 bales; exports to the Continent 794,588 bales.

Flour was dull, steady and unchanged; Southern dull, steady and unchanged, common to fair extra $2 85@3 45; good to choice $3 45@3 60. Wheat—spot dull and weaker; ungraded red 80@99c. No. 1 Northern 90@90½c; options were fairly active and weak at 1⅛@2⅜c decline; No. 2 red January 87⅝c; March 89⅜c; May 86⅝c; July 8 ⅝c; December 78⅞. Corn—spot dull and weaker; No 2 29c at elevator and 30@30½c afloat, ungraded mixed 29c; yellow 30½c; options were dull and weak at ⅛@½c decline; December 29c; January 29⅜c; May 32c. Oats—spot quiet and steady; options dull and nominally lower; December 23½c; January 23⅝c, May 26c; spot—No. 2, 23@23½c; No 2 white 25½; mixed Western 22@24½. Lard dull and easier; Western steam $4 10@4 15; city $3 62½@3 75; December $4 10; refined lard was dull; Continent $4 50, South America $4 90; compound $4 37½@4 62½. Pork quiet and steady; new mess $8 25@8 30. Butter firm; receipts light; State dairy 11@20c; do. creamery 15@23c; Elgins 24c. Eggs—the market was steady; State and Pennsylvania 22@26c; ice house 16@22c; Western fresh 22@24c; do. per case $3 00@5 00; Southern 21@23c; limed 15½@16c. Cotton seed oil dull and nominal; crude 21½@22c; yellow prime 24½c. Rice and molasses firm and unchanged. Peanuts firm; fancy hand-picked 3⅝@4c. Coffee steady and 20@25 points up; December $9 20@9 25; January $9 25; March $9 30@9 35; May $9 25@9 35; July $9 35, September $9 40@9 45; spot Rio dull and easy; No. 7 $9 75@9 87½. Sugar—raw quiet and firm; fair refining 3 15 16c; refined more active; off A 4@4½c; standard A 4⅝; cut-loaf and crushed 5c; granulated 4⅝c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—Cash quotations. Flour quiet, easy and prices unchanged. Wheat—No. 2 spring 78½@80½c; No. 2 red 90@92c. Corn—No 2 23½@23⅝c. Oats No. 2, 18½@18⅝c. Mess pork, $6 90@6 95. Lard $3 80@3 82½. Short rib sides $3 75@3 95. Dry salted shoulders $4 25@4 50. Short clear sides $4 00@4 12½. Whiskey $1 18 for high-proof spirits.

The leading futures ranged as follows: opening, highest, lowest closing: Wheat—December 79⅝@79⅝, 79⅝, 77⅝ 77⅝c. May 83⅝@83½, 83½, 85⅜, 81⅝@81c. July 77¼, 77¼, 75½, 75⅛c. Corn—December 23⅛, 23⅝, 23, 23c. January 23⅛, 23½, 23½, 23½c; May 26⅛@26⅜, 26⅜, 26⅜@26⅜, 26⅛@26⅜c. Oats—December 18¼, 18⅝, 18¼, 18¼c; May 21⅝, 21⅝, 21⅛@21½, 21⅜@21½c. Pork—December $6 92½, 6 92½, 6 90, 6 90; January $7 65, 7 70, 7 60, 7 60; May $8 00, 8 00, 7 90, 7 92½. Lard—December $3 75, 3 75, 3 75, 3 75; January $3 95, 3 95, 3 90, 3 90; May $4 15, 4 17½, 4 10, 4 10. Short ribs—December $3 82½, 3 82½, 3 82½, 3 82½. January $3 97½, 3 90, 3 85, 3 87½; May $4 05, 4 05, 4 00, 4 00.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 4.—Flour firmer. Wheat dull and lower; spot 91½@91⅝c; December 89c asked; January 89c asked; May 89@89½c; Steamer No. 2 red 84c asked; Southern by sample 92@93c; do on grade 87⅝@91½c. Corn steady; spot 28⅝@29c; December 29½@28⅝c; January 28½@28⅝c; February and March 28⅝@28⅝c; Steamer mixed 25⅝c bid; Southern white corn 30c asked, do yellow 28½c asked. Oats steady and demand fair; No. 2 white 25@26c; No. 2 mixed 22½@23c.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

December 4.—Galveston, quiet at 7 5-16, net receipts 6,236 bales; Norfolk, not received, net receipts —— bales; Baltimore, steady at 7⅝, net receipts 4,596 bales; Boston, dull at 7 11-16, net receipts 487 bales; Wilmington, firm at 7, net receipts 324 bales; Philadelphia, firm at 7 13-16c, net receipts 124 bales; Savannah, quiet at 6 15 16, net receipts 5 393 bales; New Orleans, quiet at 7⅛, net receipts 8,669 bales; Mobile, easy at 7 1-16, net receipts 970 bales; Memphis, steady at 7⅛c, net receipts 3 622 bales; Augusta, quiet at 6 3-16, net receipts 1,839 bales; Charleston, steady at 7, net receipts 3,059 bales.

FOREIGN MARKETS

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 4—12.30 P. M.—Cotton, good business done and prices easier; American middling 4 11-32d. Sales 14,000 bales, of which 13,000 were American; speculation and export 1,000. Receipts 10,000 bales, of which 2,600 were American. Futures opened easy and demand moderate. December 4 13-64d; December and January 4 10-64d; January and February 4 9 64d, February and March 4 9 64d; March and April 4 9 64d; April and May 4 9 64d; May and June 4 9-64d; June and July 4 10-64d; July and August 4 10 64d. Futures quiet.

Tenders at to-day's clearings 100 bales new docket and —— bales old docket.

12 45 P. M.—American spot grades 1-16d lower. American middling fair 4 19 32d; good midding 4 11 32d; middling 4 9 32d; low middling 4 3 16d, good ordinary 4 1 16d; ordinary 3⅞d.

4 P. M.—December 4 12 64d seller; December and January 4 9 64@4 10 64d seller; January and February 4 8 64@4 9 64d seller; February and March 4 8 64d buyer; March and April 4 8-64d buyer; April and May 4 8 64d buyer; May and June 4 8 64@4 9 64d buyer; June and July 4 9-64d value, July and August 4 9 64@4 10 64d seller; August and September 4 7 64@4 8 64d value. Futures closed easy.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 4.—The following are the weekly cotton statistics: Total sales of the week 63,000 bales, American 58,000, trade takings, including forwarded from ships' side, 79,000; actual exports 6,000 total imports 111,000; American 84,000; total stocks 706 000, American 573,000; total afloat 388,000; American 384,000; speculators took 3 600; exporters took 2 700.

LIVERPOOL, December 4—December 25th and 26th, and January 1st and 2nd will be observed as close holidays in the Liverpool cotton market.

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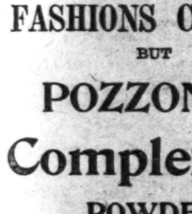

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THE CHAFING DISH.

'Twas the early evening gloom,
The flickering taper's yellow light
Made golden shadows in the room
And on the table polished bright.

When Polly, with her sibyl eyes,
A sweeter lassie none could wish,
Brewed in a way demurely wise
Rich dainties in the chafing dish.

Her frock was brave with furbelows,
Such as in vignettes quaint we see,
Of maids who ruffles donned and bows
With witching arts of coquetry.

A music weird the flames sang low,
The dish seemed tiny caldron fine,
Above the mimic fire's soft glow
Its antique silver all ashine.

As in enchanted years of old
Were philters steeped in mystic way,
By Circes fair, with locks of gold,
Love potions yielding magic sway.

So Polly, at the fall of night,
With wondrous secret none may tell,
Brewed her rare potions of delight,
And charmed us with a fairy spell.
—Home Journal.

THE BUCEPHALUS.

No snipe shooting tomorrow, sir."

The officer of the life patrol paused with lighted lantern on his arm, his sou'wester buttoned close up to his throat and the peak of his oilskin cap pulled far down over his weather beaten face and passed out into the night.

As he opened the door a gust of wind swept the knob from his grasp, dashed the framework against the wall of the chamber and extinguished the flickering oil lamp that made shift to render visible the darkness of the room.

Clarence Baxton hastily fastened the door after the retreating figure, relighted the lamp and sat down on the sea chest, which served as a chair and a bed. A strange place it was, this beachcomber's cabin. Timbers from every ship that had come ashore on Coffin beach these 50 years were woven into its heterogeneous framework. Here a part of a steamship's deckhouse, there a stanchion from the sturdy hull of some long forgotten merchantman, yonder the patched wainscoting of a clipper ship's once gorgeous cabin—cheek by jowl these relics of departed pride stood like monuments of the dead past in some strange nautical cemetery.

Outside the gale raged with increasing fury. Low though it sat between the sand dunes, the solid walls of the hovel trembled and rocked under the impact of the blast like a ship in a heavy sea. Such a spring storm had not been seen on the coast for years—not since the night (as a veteran told afterward) when the clipper ship Bucephalus came ashore way back in the fifties. In the angle over there the prow of this vessel formed a sort of cornerstone for the strange structure, and the horse in the figurehead stared at Baxton with the sightless eyes of an emblem of death.

He would have been puzzled to explain why he felt so strangely, left alone in this cozy cabin. Baxton was not a superstitious man, nor one given to sentimental vagaries or emotional weaknesses, and yet, as the door swung to after the officer, he felt for a moment a strange and unaccountable thrill, a chilling of the blood, a consciousness of something outside of his sphere of influence, superior to his power of control, that was gradually but surely working its will around and about him. The feeling was not one of fear. What indeed was he to be afraid of? Surely not of the storm, for he was cozily housed. Not of thieves or marauders, for he and the coastguardsmen were the only human beings on that strip of beach. Of what, then, was he fearful? It was all nonsense, he said—he was not afraid at all.

Baxton shivered as he threw another piece of driftwood on the fire and drew closer to the green blue blaze of the copper stained timber that cast fantastic, many hued shadows on the rough walls. "No going back to the mainland tonight," he thought as the picture of the storm lashed bay rose before his mind, and he silently objurgated the secretary of the treasury who had promulgated the order forbidding the life saving men to entertain guests in their cozy stations.

The sea chest was filled with old newspapers, the officer had said, with which he might perhaps while away an hour. He lifted the lid. Yes, so it was; prints running back for many years tied up and labeled in a cramped handwriting—that of Calamity Dick's, probably, the fisherman who, until his death last year, had occupied this cabin since no man remembered when. Turning them over, Baxton saw that the packets contained clippings descriptive of the wrecks on this same stretch of sand, called Coffin beach—"Cemetery beach would be better," Baxton thought as he surveyed the yellow bundles. "Bark Excelsior, June, 1842," read one, "30 drowned, 2 saved;" "Ship Andromache, January, 1843, 28 drowned, none saved," read another; "Ship Harold, 16 drowned, 4 saved;" "Clipper Vanguard, 86 drowned, 15 saved," and so on through a pile of packages that reached knee high as he laid them on the floor. Near the bottom was a larger bundle labeled, "Clipper Bucephalus, March, 1856, 129 drowned, 4 saved." Where had he heard of that ship? "Bucephalus—Bucephalus," he repeated reflectively to himself. "Oh, yes, the ship the old figurehead came from," and he began to untie the dusty package.

But slowly it came back to him that he had heard the name before he came to Coffin Beach. "Where?" As he asked the question a newspaper bearing the date 1856 lay spread before him and his eyes rested on this account: "Clipper ship Bucephalus, Liverpool to New York, ashore on Coffin Beach, April 26. The ill fated vessel, which was owned by Messrs. H. B. Baxton & Co., — Front street, this city, missed its reckoning and ran ashore on Coffin beach at 8 o'clock in the morning of Tuesday last and became a total wreck. The life saving crew at this place, one of the most dangerous points on the coast, is not on duty at this season of the year. At 10 o'clock on the following morning, before anything could be done to rescue the crew and passengers, the ship went to pieces in the terrific surf that was running. Of the ship's company 82 steerage passengers, 6 cabin passengers and 34 of the crew were drowned. The second mate, Mr. Lalor, and three sailors came ashore alive on pieces of wreckage—the sole survivors of the disaster. The captain, W. B. Wilkins, perished with his ship. Mr. Lalor, who was seen by a correspondent of this paper yesterday, states that the vessel's loss was due to the fact that her owner had neglected to provide a proper chronometer, although repeatedly warned of the peril run by the lack of this essential instrument. Mr. Baxton is noted among metropolitan merchants for his great wealth and extreme parsimony. It is said that the matter will be laid before the authorities in order that the cause of the wreck may be thoroughly sifted and the blame for this terrible sacrifice of innocent lives placed where it belongs."

In pencil across the margin of the clipping was scrawled in Calamity Dick's cramped script, "And 30 of 'em wimmen, and Lalor says the captain died a-cussin the owner as the seas swept them pore folks offen the deck into the surf."

Baxton stared at the paper before him. My God! He had heard of the Bucephalus before.

True, he was not born until years after this terrible event, yet the memory of it had poisoned all of his mother's remaining days. "Baxton, the Bucephalus murderer," he had heard somebody say in his father's lifetime, but until tonight he never knew the meaning of the words. And here, on the very scene of the horror, the son of its author was domiciled under the cabin walls of that long lost ship. Yonder its figurehead mocked him with staring eyes.

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"The hull is breaking up!" It is no longer the fisherman's house, but the cabin of a sinking ship. See how the timbers strain and wrench as the keel pounds on the remorseless sand; hear how the waves thunder on the deck above, as though to crush the trembling fabric; listen to the creaking of the overstrained timbers. The water is slowly rising yonder, where the cabin floor is lowest. Who are these that crowd down the companionway—women scantily clad, terror in their eyes, their hands bleeding, their naked feet raw from contact with the cruel ropes? One is an aged gentlewoman who leans feebly on the shoulder of a young man; her gray hair streams over her brows, her dim eyes look with a mother's tender love on her son's resolute young face. All these poor creatures are chilled with exposure, weak with suffering. Two of the women lead, another carries a child. "Better to drown here," says one bitterly, "than to freeze to death on deck." (Baxton does not hear these words, but he sees the lips move and knows what they are saying.) Then the little group huddles close together in the gloom, the mothers gather their children to their breasts, and one, an ancient gentlewoman, prays silently as she looks hands with the stripling. "I pray thee, O Father, if it be thy will, take me and spare him." * * *

Now the pale lips of the woman are still, her head sinks on her breast and the son rises with the terrible cry (Baxton cannot hear that cry, but he sees the man's awful eyes and knows what he says), "My mother is dead!" Then the waves pound harder on the deck, the timbers shrink and creak and groan, the fabric lifts and falls with dull, terrible thuds—it is high tide—the ship is breaking up. Although it is day the cabin grows darker and darker. The water rises higher. Baxton must save himself. He staggers across the heaving floor where mother and son lie dead in each other's arms, reaches the companionway, gains the deck—and then, before him, over the shattered bulwarks, to which cling half a hundred miserable, drowning creatures, looms a great towering wall of gray green water. Lashed to the mizzen shrouds, the captain, trumpet in hand, sees not the coming avalanche—his glance rests only on the face that is emerging from the companionway—Baxton's face. Casting off the rope that holds him to this place of safety, with livid stare and blazing eye, he points straight at Baxton. "See, see," he cries, "the murderer Baxton! Curses on you—curses on you—curses!" In a second it is over. The monstrous hill of water, the double wave that marks the flood tide, strikes the shattered ship a full, fair blow, mounts as high as the yardarm, clear over the decks, shatters the weakened hull to fragments and bears down mast and bowsprit in one common ruin, amid an awful grinding and crushing and a splintering of timbers. Then rises a great shriek that pierces to heaven over the tumult of the sea (Baxton cannot hear that shriek, but he feels it), followed by the boiling seethe of waters, and the wave passes on, leaving naught to tell the fate of the Bucephalus save a few scattered spars, a few battered corpses (ghastly playthings of the tide) and—that is all.

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The following is from The Daily Record of April 28, 1896:

"A strange accident happened at Coffin Beach on Friday last. Mr. Clarence Baxton, a well known New Yorker, went down on Thursday for a bit of snipe shooting, expecting to return that night. Prevented from doing so by the storm, he sought refuge in a fisherman's cabin on the beach, where the life patrol left him at 10 o'clock in the evening, comfortably housed and provided with light and fuel. The tide rose to an extraordinary height during the night, so much so that the flood wave (as the last wave of the high tide is called) swept clear over the sand dunes that line the beach, overwhelmed the cabin and swept it out to sea, carrying with it the unfortunate gentleman, whose body was cast up on the shore by the returning tide next morning. Not a vestige of the cabin remained save the figurehead of a ship which formed a part of the structure. It is curious to note that the succeeding ebb tide, which was an extremely low one, exposed upon the beach the hull of a large ship, supposed to be the remains of the clipper Bucephalus, which was wrecked on the sands some 40 years ago. The deceased was the son of the late H. B. Baxton, a prominent merchant of this city."—Vanity.

THE SMARTEST BABY.

What Things He Is Sensible of the Very First Day In the World.

"The smartest baby in the world" is common enough. No self respecting family is without one. Every father in the land is willing to stand on the corner and let half a dozen cars go by if he can pour into your ear the very latest articulate wonder baby has performed. Any mother will tell you that when the little angel was 3 days old it could recognize every member of the family and had ideas on things in general.

But notwithstanding this great array of involuntary evidence, it has been found interesting by some analytical mind to determine as nearly as possible at what age the senses first manifest their presence. It is interesting to note the results of these observations.

First of all, it would seem that every healthy child has sensibility to light, touch, temperature, smell and taste on the first day of infant life. Therefore, from the very beginning of his career he is not indifferent to the glare of a bright lamp, to the pain of a pricking pin, to the scalding of a too hot bath, to the unpleasantness of burned feathers or to the taste of a sour bottle. Nurses will do well to bear this in mind.

Hearing, it will be noticed, is the only special sense that is not active at the beginning. As a matter of fact, the child does not hear until about the third or fourth day.

The senses that are the most active from the first are those of taste and smell. General organic sensations of well being or discomfort are also felt from the beginning, but pain and pleasure, as mental states, are not noted until at or near the second month.

The first sounds of speech in the shape of utterance of consonant sounds are heard in the latter part of the second month. These consonants being generally "m," "r," "g" or "t." Consonants being necessary to the articular utterance of any language, and these particular letters being the easiest and therefore the earliest that the infant learns, parents have with common consent given them a very fanciful interpretation. Thus when the baby says "Goo-goo," he is telling you that he is supremely happy; when he says "Mum-mum," the darling knows his mother, he does; and when he utters the elementary sound "Ta-ta," the precious angel is thanking the company for blessings received as plainly as anything could be.

All the movements of the eyes become co-ordinate by the fourth month, and by this time the youngster begins to have the "feeling of self"—that is, he looks at his own hands and looks at himself in the mirror.

The study of the child's mind during the first year shows conclusively that ideas develop and reasoning processes occur before there is any knowledge of words or of language. It is assumed, however, that the child thinks in symbols, visual or auditory, which are clumsy equivalents for words. By the end of the year the child begins to express himself by sounds—that is, speech begins.—Philadelphia Press.

His Experience.

"Yes," said the corn fed philosopher, "it is not so difficult to get something for nothing, but when one gets it it is not worth the price."—Indianapolis Journal.

Scorn no man's love though of a mean degree; love is a present for a mighty king; much less make any man thine enemy.—Herbert.

The boilers used in the manufacture of straw paper will contain from 2,000 to 8,000 pounds of straw at a time.

ROYAL JOKES.

Stories of Playful Capers Indulged In by Monarchs and Princes.

Royalty dearly loves a joke, and nowhere are practical jokes so much in vogue as in the palaces of the old world monarchs. Curiously enough, their idea of joking, like their conception of wit, is inclined to roughness and even to downright coarseness, as well as vulgarity, rather than to delicacy, and many a practical joke has been perpetrated in a palace that would never have been tolerated in a private house.

One of the most peculiar practical jokes was that organized in the council chamber of the late King Alfonso of Spain by his intimate friend and favorite companion, the Duke of Tamanes, who accompanied the Infanta Eulalia to this country in 1893.

It was during carnival time, and the king had complained to the duke that it was a very dreary affair and entreated the nobleman to do something to liven things up a bit. The following morning when the king entered his council chamber he was almost pitched over by a most extraordinary apparition. It appeared to be a bag such as millers use for flour, and it was terminated by a pair of bowlegs that were prancing about in every direction. The architecture of these legs at once revealed to the king the identity of the human flourbag. It was no other than the little minister of agriculture, who, with the assistance of the Duke of Tamanes and the apparently grave and austere minister of foreign affairs, had dressed himself in his odd rig. The king joined so heartily in the laughter provoked by the extravagant antics of his cabinet officer that the tears streamed down his face, nor was his mirth diminished when the minister, after having finally extricated himself from the bag, showed himself with his hair, his beard and his uniform literally covered with flour.

Another monarch who is very fond of practical joking is Emperor William of Germany. On one occasion about a year after he ascended the throne his right hand was seriously injured during the rough horse play that takes place every St. Sylvester of New Year's eve in the streets of Berlin. On that night no citizen ventures to appear upon any public thoroughfare wearing a tall hat or even a derby. The students have from time immemorial had a sort of unwritten right to bonnet any civilian thus arrayed by smashing his hat with a sharp blow of the fist upon its crown.

The kaiser, who had always joined in this form of sport before his accession to the crown, on the first New Year's eve that followed the death of his lamented father walked out with the collar of his coat well turned up and a fur cap drawn down over his eyes so as to conceal his identity. He soon had several badly wrecked hats to his credit. He then encountered an elderly citizen of portly figure and benevolent demeanor, whose looks, however, belied his character. He had been bonneted in previous years and was resolved to teach his tormentors a lesson. So he had made a sort of leather skullcap, thick in texture and studded with long, sharp nails.

So when the emperor brought down his fist with all his might on the inoffensive looking tall hat his hand was pierced in many places by the nails and covered with blood, the injuries at one time threatening lockjaw. The citizen was arrested and imprisoned pending a decision as to whether he should be prosecuted on a charge of "leze majesty." He was, however, released, as his offense was entirely an innocent one.—San Francisco Examiner.

In the Same Handwriting.

A gentleman at the Riggs House was responsible for this story: "I reached home after business hours the other day for supper and was handed two telegrams from the same telegraph company. After I had read the first I handed it to my wife. It was from a brother out west, who was coming to pay me a short visit.

"'What did he send the other one about?' asked my wife, as she read the first one and looked at the writing on the envelope of the second. I opened it and told her it was not from him, but was from another business man.

"'That's funny,' she said. 'They are both directed to you in the same handwriting.'"—Washington Times.

The Government Likes Red.

Somehow or other the United States government seems to go in a great deal for red, which some people have always supposed was a British color. They buy mostly red blankets for the Indians. It is being much used in the navy. The postoffice department paints its letter boxes a hideous vermilion and makes its 2 cent postage stamps which go into almost everybody's mouth of almost the same glaring color.—Philadelphia Times.

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Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 9 10 a m, arrive Latta 9.30 a m, Dillon 9 42 a m, Rowland 10 0[illegible] a m., returning leaves Rowland 5 38 p m, arrives Dillon 5.56 p m, Latta 6.09 p m, Pee Dee 6.3[illegible] p m, daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 a m, Chadbourn 10.40 a m, arrive Conway 1.20 p m, leave Conway 2 20 p m, Chadbourn 5.20 p m, arrive Hub 6.00 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence 8 55 a m, 9 10 a m and 8 25 p m, arrive Darlington 9 28 a m, 10 20 a m and 9 05 p m, leave Darlington 9 31 a m and 10 40 a m, arrive Cheraw 10 40 a m and 11 30 p m, leave Cheraw 12 45 p m, arrive Wadesboro 2 25 p m, Returning leave Wadesboro 3 p m, arrive Cheraw 4 45 p m, leave Cheraw 4 45 p m and 5 15 p m, arrive Darlington 7 p m and 6 21 p m. Leave Darlington 7 30 p m, 6 27 and 7 45 a m, arrive Florence 8.15 p m, 6 55 p m and 8 15 a m. Daily except Sunday. Sunday trains leave Floyds 7 30 a m, Darlington 8 45 a m, arrive Florence 8 10 a m. Returning leave Florence 9 a m, Darlington 9 30 a m, arrive Floyds 9 40 a m. Trains leave Gibson 6.15 a m, Bennettsville 6 41 a m, arrive Darlington 7.40 a m Sumter 9 25 a m. Returning, leave Sumter 7 20 p m Darlington 9 10 p m, arrive Bennettsville 10 01 p m, Gibson 10 25 p m.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6 37 p m, Manning 6.55 p m, arrive Lane's 7 57 p m, leave Lanes 8.34 a m, Manning 9.10 a m, arrive Sumter 9.39 a m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.30 a m, 7 10 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 8.30 p m, leave Georgetown 7 a m, 3 p m, arrive Lanes 8.25 a m, 5.25 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2.05 p m, 11.18 p m, arrive Selma 2.50 p m, Smithfield 2.53 p m, Dunn 3.35 p m, Fayetteville 4.15 p m, 1.07 a m, Rowland 5.38 p m, returning leave Rowland 10 00 a m, Fayetteville 11.20 a m, 10.33 p m, Dunn 12.07 a m, Smithfield 12.48 p m, Selma 1.00 p m, arrive Wilson 1.43 p m, 12 22 p m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 4 33 a m, Creston 5 2[illegible] a m, arrive Denmark 6 20 a m. Returning leave Denmark 4 37 p m, Creston 5 32 p m, Sumter 6 80 p m Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5 45 a m, arrive Pregnalls 9 15 a m, Returning leaves Pregnalls 10 p m, arrives Creston 3 50 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.10 a m and 8.10 p m, arrive Lucknow 1 p m and 9.10 p m, Returning leave Lucknow 6 05 a m and 2 00 p m, arrive Elliott 8 25 a m and 3.30 p m.

†Daily except Sunday. *Sunday only.

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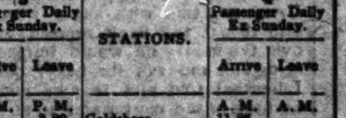

In Effect Wednesday, May 27th, 1896.

GOING EAST. 3 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday. Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday. Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 20	Goldsboro	11 25	....
....	4 12	Kinston	10 32	....
5 15	5 25	Newbern	9 17	9 30
6 37	6 42	Morehead City....	8 01	8 07
P. M	P. M.		A. M	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 a m, and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 p m., and with W. N. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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SOUTH BOUND DAILY No. 1.	MAIN LINE.	NORTH BOUND DAILY No. 2.
2 45 p. m.	Ar....Wilmington....Lv	7 10 a. m
4 35 "	Lv....Fayetteville....Ar	11 10 "
4 15 "	Ar....Fayetteville....Lv	11 2[illegible] "
4 12 "	Ar Fayetteville Junc Lv	11 27 "
2 55 "	Lv....Sanford....Lv	1 00
12 41 "	Lv....Climax....Lv	2 5[illegible]
12 10 "	Lv....Greensboro....Ar	3 1[illegible]
11 55 a m	Ar....Greensboro....Lv	3 2[illegible]
11 07 "	Lv....Stokesdale....Lv	4 10
10 32 "	Lv..Walnut Cove...Lv	4 40
10 04 "	Lv.....Rural Hall....Lv	5 10
8 40 "	Lv.....Mt Airy.....Ar	6 35

SOUTH BOUND DAILY No. 3.	Bennettsville Division.	NORTH BOUND DAILY No. 4.
7 52 p m	Ar....Bennettsville....Lv	8 [illegible]
6 17 "	Lv.....Maxton.....Ar	9 40
5 38 "	Lv....Red Springs....Lv	10 18
4 45 "	Lv....Hope Mills....Lv	11 01
4 28 "	Lv....Fayetteville....Ar	11 19

SOUTH BOUND Daily except Sunday. No. 15. MIXED.	Factory and Madison Branches.	NORTH BOUND Daily except Sunday. No. 16. MIXED.
6 00 p m	Ar.....Ramseur.....Lv	6 4[illegible]
4 15 "	Lv.....Climax.....Lv	8 [illegible]
3 20 "	Lv....Greensboro....Ar	9 [illegible]

NORTH BOUND.	No. MIXED.
Leave Greensboro........	[illegible]
Leave Stokesdale........	[illegible]
Arrive Madison........	[illegible]

SOUTH BOUND.	No. MIXED.
Leave Madison........	[illegible]
Leave Stokesdale........	[illegible]
Arrive Greensboro........	[illegible]

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WEST AND SOUTH.

APRIL 5th, 1896.		No. 41	No. 403
		P. M.	A M
Leave Wilmington	S. A. L.	* 3 20	
Arrive Maxton	"	6 1[illegible]	
Arrive Hamlet	"	6 5[illegible]	
Leave Hamlet	"	7 15	* 9 10
Arrive Wadesboro	"	8 01	9 5[illegible]
Arrive Monroe	"	8 55	10 40
Leave Monroe	"	9 10	10 4[illegible]
Arrive Charlotte	"	10 20	11 25
			P. M.
Arrive Lincolnton	"		12 55
Arrive Shelby	"		1 50
Arrive Rutherfordton	"		3 00
		A. M	
Leave Hamlet	S. A. L.	† 9 25	
Arrive Osborne	"	9 50	
" Kollock	"	10 25	
" Cheraw	"	10 4[illegible]	
			P M
Leave Cheraw	S. A. L.		† 5 [illegible]
" Kollock	"		5 5[illegible]
" Osborne	"		6 2[illegible]
Arrive Hamlet	"		6 5[illegible]
		P. M.	
Leave Wilmington	S. A. L.	* 3 20	
" Monroe	"	9 05	
Arrive Chester	"	10 39	
" Clinton	"	11 58	1 2[illegible]
		A. M.	
" Greenwood	"	1 00	2 [illegible]
" Abbeville	"	1 32	2 5[illegible]
" Elberton	"	2 36	4 0[illegible]
" Athens	"	3 35	5 1[illegible]
" Atlanta	"	5 2[illegible]	6 [illegible]
Leave Atlanta	A. & W. P.	5 35	
Ar Montgomery	West of Ala.	10 45	
		P. M.	
Arrive Mobile	L. & N.	4 10	
" New Orleans	"	8 30	
		A. M.	
Arrive Columbia	C. N. & L.	*10 00	* 4 [illegible]
		A. M	P M
Arrive Augusta	P. R. & W. C.	† 9 35	* 5 [illegible]
			P M
Arrive Macon	M. & N.		* 6 [illegible]

EAST AND NORTH

APRIL 5th, 1896.		No. 38	No.
			P M
Leave Wilmington	S. A. L		* 3 [illegible]
		A. M	
Arrive Hamlet	"	6	
Leave Hamlet	"	* 8 15	10 3[illegible]
Arrive Southern Pines	"	9 15	11 3[illegible]
			A. M.
" Raleigh	"	11 26	1 2[illegible]
		P. M	
" Henderson	"	1 0	2 35
" Weldon	"	* 3 00	* 4 0[illegible]
Arrive Portsmouth	S. A. L	* 5 50	* 7 30
" Norfolk	"	6 00	7 5[illegible]
		P M	A M
Arrive Richmond	A. C. L	* 6 40	* 6 [illegible]
" Washington	P. R. R.	*11 10	10 4[illegible]
		A. M.	
" Baltimore	"	12 48	12 0[illegible]
" Philadelphia	"	3 45	2 [illegible]
" New York	"	* 6 53	* 4 5[illegible]

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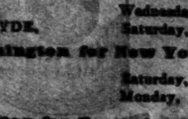

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SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 5, 1896

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

A Collapse in Wheat—Corn Weak—Oats Dull—Pork Products Closed Lower.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—The wheat market was in a condition of collapse to-day. The weakness was continuous from the start until the close and the last half hour presented the most hopeless demoralization. Yesterday's advance entirely disappeared when trade began. Long wheat selling was the important feature of the business and seeing the state the market was in the bears were encouraged to put out considerable on the short side. Liverpool, without the least consideration for our action, declined, and this fact was the leading factor in determining the course of American markets. May wheat opened from 83¼@83¾c, declined to 80¾c, closing at 80¾@81c—3¼c under yesterday. Cash wheat was weak and closed about 2¼c lower.

The paramount influence in corn was the weakness of its neighbor—wheat. The loss in price was not so great as in the leading market, but the decline was accompanied by quite as much weakness. May corn opened from 36¾ to 36¼c, declined to 36¼@36¾c, closing at the inside—¼@¾c under yesterday. Cash corn sold at steady prices, but the nominal tone in that branch at the close was easy.

The depression of the other grains found reflection in oats. The trade was of a dull and uninteresting sort, and prices were steady. May oats were ¾c under yesterday. Cash oats were steady at yesterday's prices.

Provisions—Hogs were on the descending scale as regards sympathy this morning. The weakness of grain was likewise a consideration. At the close January pork was 18¼c lower; January ribs and lard each 7½c lower.

SPOTS AND FUTURES.

Net Receipts at the Ports—New York Sun's Review of the Cotton Market.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 4.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all the ports since September 1st, 1896: Galveston, 894 351 bales; New Orleans, 1,183 147, Mobile, 159 143; Savannah, 493 397, Charleston, 231 099; Wilmington, 175 760, Norfolk, 448 807; Baltimore, 91,194; New York, 61 016; Boston, 71,810; Newport News, 5 808, Philadelphia 14 375, West Point 50; Brunswick, 49 478; Port Royal, 33 940; Pensacola, 16 669; Texas City, 33,875. Total, 3 785 697.

The *Sun* says: Spot cotton here declined ¼c, with sales of 47 bales for spinning; 9 000 were delivered on contracts. Middling uplands 7 9-16c against 8¾c. last year. Under the pressure of heavy liquidations for local and Southern account, prices here broke to-day. Liverpool, though active on the spot, declined sharply for futures and New Orleans was lower. Advices from the South predicted an increased movement of the crop next week and tired longs threw their holdings overboard. The receipts to-day at Memphis and Houston were larger than last week's arrivals, and the estimate for New Orleans to-morrow was also liberal. Stop orders were caught on the way down, contributing to the depression. The market closed weak at about the lowest prices of the day. There is very little disposition here to support prices while the receipts continue on the present large scale.

NEWS OF THE NAVY.

Movements of Some of Uncle Sam's War Ships.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 4.—Cablegrams announcing the sailing of the Minneapolis from Mersine for Jaffa and the arrival of the Machias at Pagota were received at the Navy Department to-day. Advices were also received that the cruiser Newark, which had been at the Norfolk navy yard for repairs, had sailed to rejoin Admiral Bunce's fleet in New York harbor.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

Of Stocks, Receipts and Exports of Cotton.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The following is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending this date:

	1896	1895
Net receipts at all United States ports during the week...	269,186	231,157
Total receipts to this date.....	3,785,697	2,586 781
Exports for the week	158,965	1,916,804
Total exports to this date.....	2,436,403	1,527,973
Stock in all United States ports.....	1,213,160	945,609
Stock at all interior towns.....	543,099	516 788
Stock in Liverpool,..	706,000	954,000
American afloat for Great Britain.....	384,000	210,000

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 4.—Rosin steady and quiet; strained common to good $1 80@1 82½. Spirits turpentine steady at 27@27½c.

CHARLESTON, December 4.—Spirits turpentine firm at 24½c bid; no sales. Rosin firm; sales — barrels: O, D, E, $1 45, F G $1 50, H $1 55, I-K $1 60, M $1 75, N $1 95, W G $2 15, W W $2 40.

SAVANNAH, December 4.—Spirits turpentine closed firm at 25c; sales 553 casks; receipts 860 casks. Rosin firm; sales 2 000 barrels; receipts 3,186 barrels: A, B C, D, E $1 45, F $1 47½, G $1 55, H $1 60, I $1 65, K $1 70, M $1 90, N $2 10, W G $2 30, W W $2 60.

Newspapers in Havana are urging the necessity of carrying on farming operations in the island, otherwise a disastrous famine is inevitable.

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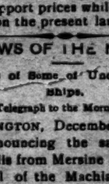

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INTERESTING STATISTICS

EMBODIED IN THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Extent of the Public Domain—The Enormous Pension List—The Indians—Bond-Aided Railroad Corporations and Their Indebtedness to the Government—The Nicaragua Canal Project.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 4.—Secretary of the Interior David R. Francis has submitted his annual report to the President.

The appropriations under his department for the last fiscal year amounted to $157,179,656. The estimates for the present fiscal year are about $1,000,000 more than was appropriated last year.

The actual public domain is now 1,040 072,587 acres. The public lands still vacant amount to over 600 000 acres, not including Alaska. About 85 739 751 acres have been patented to railroads and there are yet due railroads and wagon roads under their grants, an aggregate of 114,736 889 acres. The total acreage segregated from the public domain was 946 319,160 acres.

The Secretary deems it desirable that our waste acreage should be taken up by actual settlers who should be given every encouragement, and says if the rate of settlement continues in the future as in the past, but little vacant land will be left in thirteen years time. He urges legislation for the preservation of the forests and states that a report will be submitted to Congress by the Forestry Commission which has lately returned from a tour of inspection.

Secretary Francis is of the opinion that the free use of timber on public lands for commercial purposes should be discontinued.

On the pension question he says that about 970 678 persons are drawing about $140 000,000 per annum in pensions and this branch of the service should be conducted with great care and discretion. He gives a table showing that the total amount paid out by the Government in pensions and the cost of disbursing the same during the last thirty-one years was $3 034,817,769, which lacks only $346 713,535 of being equal to the high water mark of the interest-bearing public debt. He suggests a number of amendments of the pension laws, some of which have already been made public.

One hundred and forty million dollars is thought to be sufficient for the payment of pensions during the next fiscal year, unless pensions are increased by further legislation. The Secretary recommends that an increase from $8.00 to $12 00 per month be granted to all survivors of the Mexican war who are wholly disabled and destitute.

The Indians, he says, now occupy about 85 000,000 acres of land, and they should be protected from the sinister machinations of unscrupulous men. He recommends that the Indian Bureau should be conducted by a commission of three members, two to be civilians of different political parties and one an army officer.

Concerning the bond-aided railways the Secretary summarizes the recommendations of his predecessors and the result of the litigation. He calls attention to the fact that the tables he presents clearly show that the Central Pacific Railroad is in default to the Government, or unquestionably will be on January 1st next, when $3,489,000 additional of its indebtedness, together with thirty years interest thereon, will fall due and must be redeemed by the Government.

On January 1st, 1897, $6,640,000 additional bonds of the Union Pacific Railroad will mature, and with interest on the same, amounting to $11,954,000, will be then due, and if not paid the Union Pacific will unquestionably be in default. He has, therefore, declined to patent lands to the Union Pacific Railroad or to the Central Pacific Railroad, except in cases where it can be shown that the lands for which patents are asked have been sold to bona fide purchasers. The Central Pacific Railroad was on June 30th, 1896, in default to the Government to the extent of $388,143 on its "bond and interest" and its "sinking fund" account.

He refers to the fact that the act chartering the Nicaragua Canal Company requires the company to make a report on the first Monday in December in each year to the Secretary of the Interior, to be verified on oath by its president and secretary. A preliminary statement had been submitted by the Canal Company, showing that no work has been done on the canal since August, 1893.

The Maritime Canal Company entered into a contract with the Nicaragua Canal Construction Company for the construction of the canal, but the latter company became financially embarrassed in August, 1893, and subsequently made an assignment of its construction contract and all its assets to the Nicaragua Company, a corporation chartered by the State of Vermont. The latter company "has not yet found itself in a position to resume the work of construction under its contract."

The Secretary wants an extension of the building accommodations for this department. He closes his report by saying: "I earnestly recommend that Congress take immediate steps looking to the purchase or condemnation of a block or more of ground adjacent or continuous to the Interior Department building for the erection thereon of another structure to meet the present necessities of an important branch of the Government which must expand and grow with the development of the country's resources. The area of our country, the variety of its products, the diversity of the interests, the trade and social relations between localities and classes of people make its internal commerce of enormous magnitude, and must from time to time necessitate enlargement of its existing government bureaus and the establishment of additional ones."

SHARKEY'S MANAGER

Demanded Payment of the Prize Money But the Bank Refused to Hand It Over—Referee Earp Under Arrest.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—Danny Lynch, manager of "Sailor" Sharkey, walked into the Anglo-Californian Bank shortly after it opened this morning and demanded payment on the $10,000 check. He was referred to Manager Lilienthal, who said that the check could not be paid owing to an injunction. Lynch met this with angry words and said that if the bank refused to hand over the money he would immediately bring suit and ask for heavy damages. Lilienthal told him that he could do nothing in the matter and to go ahead with his suit. Lynch thereupon turned on his heel and left the place.

Wyatt Earp, who refereed the Fitzsimmons-Sharkey fight, was compelled to hand over to Police Captain Whittman, at the ring side, a weapon which he carried concealed. For this a charge was made against him and he was arrested last night. His case was called in the police court this morning, but at the request of Earp's attorney was continued until Tuesday next.

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WEYLER'S CAMPAIGN.

PEOPLE IN HAVANA IN THE DARK AS TO HIS MOVEMENTS.

Rumors Regarding Maceo—Reports of Unimportant Engagements with Insurgent Forces in Pinar Del Rio and Havana Provinces.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, December 4.—The people of Havana are still in the dark so far as the movements of Gen. Weyler are concerned. If the authorities have heard anything definite from him since he went into camp near Los Palacios, they are keeping their information to themselves. They state that they are ignorant of his present position, but that they know he is carrying out in detail the plan of campaign prepared before he left Havana.

Rumors regarding Maceo are many, but little attention is paid to them. The only definite news from the province of Pinar del Rio is that the commands of Generals Melquizo and Iocian have had encounters with the rebels.

The fight in the Gobernadora hills yesterday, mention of which was made in these dispatches last night, was between Gen. Iacali's command and a band of rebels. No details of the engagement have been made public, and it is not known which side was victorious.

A party of rebels, who made an attack on Fort Razen, province of Santiago de Cuba, were repulsed. They were pursued by the local guerillas, who killed six insurgents and wounded fourteen. The troops had one officer and four privates wounded.

Col. Torto reports that his command has defeated the rebels under Costillo and other leaders at Matarono, province of Havana. The rebels lost twenty-three killed, while the Spanish loss was six killed and eleven wounded.

The district court of Matanzas has given a decision in the case of Oscar Cespedes, an American citizen, who was captured in the field and held as a prisoner of war in San Severino Castle, Matanzas. The court holds that he must be handed over to a military tribunal for trial.

FRIENDS OF CUBA.

An Association Formed in New York City to Aid Cubans in Efforts to Gain Independence.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 4.—A meeting was held last night at Grocers' Hall by the "American Friends of Cuba Association," formed a few days ago to aid the Cubans in their efforts to win independence. It was announced by President Irving Mayer that over 104 000 signatures had already been obtained for the petition to Congress to ask its influence to stop the barbarities and inhumanities being practiced upon the people of Cuba by Spain, and that Congress take cognizance of the fact that war was now being waged in Cuba.

The Daughters of Cuba opened a fair at the Tuxedo Hall to-day, asking this city to help to raise money for the relief of wounded and sick Cuban soldiers. There was a large attendance, with every promise of getting considerable money for the struggling Cubans.

The Carlton Club, of Brooklyn, to-night entertained T. Estrada Palma, minister plenipotentiary of the Cuban Revolutionary Government; Benjamin Guerra, treasurer of the Junta, and Horatio S. Rubens, its general counsel. During the evening Senor Palma announced that the representatives of the Junta in Washington are hard at work endeavoring to secure recognition, and believe Congress will give it to them. He said also that President Cleveland has his message ready, except that part relating to Cuba.

STEAMER LAURADA

Again in Trouble Because of an Alleged Filibustering Expedition to Cuba.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 4.—It is said that Secretary of State Olney has cabled to Madrid the facts in regard to the steamship Laurada, but the vessel, it is reported here, will be seized on a civil process by the Spanish Government when she reaches Valencia and a suit will be brought for forfeiture against her because of having landed armed military expeditions, dynamite and war material within three miles of the coast of Cuba, in the jurisdiction of Spain. Captain Hughes left the vessel at Messina to-night and was succeeded in command by Captain Lapsley, his chief officer, who was formerly master of the British steamship Czarina. The latter has never been mixed up with filibustering expeditions. It is likely the vessel will remain at Messina until the Department of State decides it is safe for her to proceed.

The charterers of the vessel demand that she shall proceed according to the terms of her charter, as the cargo which is of a perishable character is awaiting her at Valencia and will seize her if she does not comply with the agreement on her return to the United States.

The Spanish warship Hernandos left Gibraltar to-night to assist the authorities in preserving order in Valencia, so bitter is said to be the feeling already worked up against the Laurada.

STEAMERS DELAYED.

Many Coastwise Vessels Considerably Behind Schedule Time.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 4.—The Old Dominion Line steamer Guyandotte, Capt. Walker, from Newport News and Norfolk, arrived here early this morning. Capt. Walker reports that he encountered heavy northeast gales, with thick snow storms all the way up. Coastwise steamers are evidently having a tussle with the weather, as there are so many of them considerably behind schedule time.

The Clyde Line steamer Seminole left Charleston on November 30 and was looked for here day before yesterday, but has not yet been sighted.

The Cherokee, of the same line, left Charleston the day after the Seminole sailed and should, with ordinary weather conditions, have arrived here yesterday.

The Tallahassee, of the Ocean Steamship Company's line, left Savannah on the 1st instant and was expected to arrive yesterday. She has not been reported by the Highlands observers.

EXECUTION ISSUED

For Over Two Million Dollars Against Ex-Cashier Baldwin, of a Defunct Newark Bank.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

TRENTON, N. J., December 4.—An execution has been issued out of the Federal Court for $2,863,974 against Oscar L. Baldwin, of Newark. A judgment for the amount was secured against him in 1886 by Frederick Frelinghuysen, receiver of the defunct Mechanics' National Bank, of Newark, but never collected. Baldwin was cashier of the bank and caused its failure by loaning all its funds to persons who failed to return them. He was sent to State prison and sued for $3,000,000. Now that he is coming, or has already come, into a huge fortune left him by an English relative, an effort will be made to satisfy the judgment.

At a meeting of the Southern Railway Company yesterday the directors declared a dividend of one per cent. on the preferred stock.

BUSINESS SITUATION.

Very Little Change Noted—Wool Manufacturers Are Waiting—Cotton Goods Are Selling Better but Production Still Exceeds Demand.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 4.—R. G. Dun & Co., in their weekly review of trade, say: The classified failures for November show gratifying reduction compared with October, and are especially important as showing that the peculiar disturbances during the Presidential election, which swelled values $30,000,000 in August and September, did not prevent quick return to a monthly aggregate scarcely greater than that of May. Defaulted liabilities in eleven months have been $199 726 459, against $148 544 909 last year, the increase being only $14,000 000 outside of those two months, and this remaining increase of only 10 per cent. was also a part due to the alarm during the campaign.

The decline of failures to about 40 per cent. of the September aggregate gives stronger ground for the confidence so generally expressed. A ground for confidence is also found in the abandonment of two of the largest combinations by which the iron industry has been controlled and the possibility that two others will be abandoned. Such a state of things within a month after the election suggests that these organizations, formed when depressed business failed to support all the works in existence, are not expected to survive a general revival and ample demand for products. The immediate effect of breaking prices is to check large buying of iron and steel products, but it will soon be seen about where prices are to range. At present the base price for wire nails is $1.85 against $2 55 two weeks ago, with greater reduction on small sizes because new cards reduced "extra" charges. Beams are selling at $1 85 against $1.55 two weeks ago and there are sales of billets below the fixed price. The bar combination is still undersold by steel bars at 1.1 cents and nothing is doing in rails, because the meeting shortly to be held will settle whether any price shall be fixed for next year. Bessemer pig, Pittsburg, is lower, $11 65, and Grey forge at $10, but there is large demand for vessel plates, both for foreign contracts and for the lakes. Several thousand cars have been ordered and numerous new buildings and bridges.

The Coke Company has changed its method so that contracts are openly made below prices recently ruling and there is some partition of consumers among the producing interests. Wool manufacturers are waiting, and while more concerns are at work, the new demand improved but little with favorable weather.

In cotton manufactures there is little change, though goods are selling better; but with many added works production exceeds present demand. The market for raw cotton is weak. With over 4,750,000 bales in sight by December 1, when the crop is usually about half in sight, current estimates will leave only 3,500,000 more to come forward in nine months, and the larger consumption in mills does not advance prices.

The volume of business shown by Clearing House returns was for the past week nearly one per cent. over last year and for the month of November three per cent., and eleven per cent. less than 1892, the comparison being the best for the past five months.

Failures for the week have been 279 in the United States, against 294 last year, and in Canada 55, against 53 last year.

THE NEXT CONGRESS.

Political Classification of Members-elect of the House of Representatives.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 4.—The political classification of the members-elect of the Fifty-fifth Congress made by Clerk McDowell, in the unofficial list which he has just issued, probably shows a greater variety of political organizations than ever before found representation in the body. Of straight Republicans there are 204; straight Democrats, 134. The members designated by other titles are as follows, from the districts named.

Populists—M. W. Edwards, Seventh Alabama; C. A. Barlow, Sixth California; G. H. Castle, Seventh California; John C. Bell, Second Colorado; E R. Ridgley, Third Kansas; W. D. Vincent, Fifth Kansas; N. B. McCormick, Sixth Kansas; Jerry Simpson, Seventh Kansas; Harry Skinner, First North Carolina; W. F. Strowd, Fourth North Carolina; C. H. Martin, Sixth North Carolina; Freeman Knowles, South Dakota, at large—13.

Fusionists—Thomas M. Jett, Eighteenth Illinois; John Baker, Twenty-first Illinois; James M. Robinson, Twelfth Indiana; Jeremiah D Botkin, Kansas at large; Albert M. Todd, Third Michigan; Samuel Maxwell, Third Nebraska; W. H. Stark, Fourth Nebraska; J. D Sutherland, Fifth Nebraska; J. T. Brenner, Third Ohio; G. A. Marshall, Fourth Ohio; David Meekison, Sixth Ohio; J. H. Lewis and W. C. Jones, Washington at large—16.

Silverites—John F. Shafroth, First Colorado; Charles S. Hartman, Montana; Francis G. Newlands, Nevada—3.

SILVER AND GOLD COINAGE.

Report of the Director of the Mint—The Counterfeiting of Silver Coinage.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 4.—The report of R. E. Preston, the director of the mint, shows in elaborate details the operations of the mints and assay offices during the fiscal year 1896, together with statistics of foreign countries relative to the production, coinage and monetary condition of each.

The total coinage of gold and silver by the various countries of the world was as follows: Gold, $331,067,488; silver, $131,610,219; total, $358,697 857. The total metallic stock and uncovered paper in the world was estimated on January 1, 1896, to be $10,988,800,000.

The director recommends that authority be given the Secretary of the Treasury to have experiments made to determine the best means of preventing the counterfeiting of silver coinage.

At the prevailing price of silver, the difference between the bullion and the nominal value of our silver coins is about 100 per cent, and this constitutes a great temptation for the stamping of such coins by unscrupulous persons, affording them an opportunity to place in circulation counterfeit silver coins at about 100 per cent. profit as good as those stamped by the mints and which cannot be distinguished from them, even by experts.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Portions Relating to Foreign Affairs Discussed at a Meeting of the Cabinet.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 4.—To-day's Cabinet meeting was attended by all the members except Secretary Lamont and Attorney General Harmon, the former of whom is out of the city and the latter was in attendance on the Supreme Court. It is understood that such portions of the President's message as relates to foreign affairs were discussed and final recommendations considered. The session was rather a protracted one.

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FITZ-SHARKEY FIGHT

All the Talk in San Francisco—There Will be a Legal Battle For the Purse Money—Suit Against Fitzsimmons by One of His Trainers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—The Fitzsimmons-Sharkey fight is being fought over and over again on every street corner of San Francisco to-day. Professional men, merchants, horsemen, millionaires and men in every vocation of life, save churchmen, may be seen illustrating just how the Australian put the sailor to sleep.

Sharkey is resting easily to-day and will be on the street within a week. Dr. Tansig, physician of the National Athletic Club, and a doctor of unquestionable reputation, does not hesitate to say that in his opinion Sharkey did not received any such blow as his backers claim Fitzsimmons administered. Another leading physician who inspected the sailor is of the opinion that Sharkey was "doped" with iodine to bear out Earp's claim of foul.

Of all the physicians who examined Sharkey, but two are inclined to think that he was struck foul. One of the two is the mysterious 'Doctor" Lee, whom nobody seems to know, and the other is a friend of Danny Lynch. A half-dozen reputable physicians were at the door of Sharkey's dressing room when the sailor was brought in at the conclusion of the fight, yet none was permitted to inspect him until "Dr." Lee had concluded his examination an hour later. The purse money has not yet been paid, and from present indications there will be a legal battle which will eclipse the ring encounter. Such men as Adolph Spreckles, Major McLaughlin, Mose Gunst, Wm. Greer Harrison and Hiram Cook are behind Fitzsimmons and Julian, while Sharkey's supporters are few and inconsequential.

To add to Fitzsimmons' trouble suit was instituted against him to-day by J. J. Raur, on a claim for $905 held in judgment by Jimmy Carroll, the lightweight. Carroll was one of Fitzsimmons' trainers for his fight with Maher, near El Paso. His bill for services was not paid, and though he put his claim in judgment he never succeeded in collecting the money. This will be heard to-morrow.

WARM WIRELETS.

Treasury balances: Coin, $131,596,663; currency, $43,618,468.

Dock laborers at Antwerp refuse to unload vessels coming from Hamburg and a general strike of dockmen is imminent there.

W. E Dupre, Waco, Texas, dealer in hardware and implements, has filed a deed of trust. The liabilities will amount to nearly $350,000.

Fred. Behme, who murdered his wife and child on Easter Sunday, was executed at McLeansboro, Ill. He made no statement on the scaffold.

The bill pending in the Senate of Alabama making it unlawful to make contracts payable in gold was defeated by a vote of nine for it and twenty against.

Peacock, Dunwoody & Haugh, of Atlanta, retail dry goods merchants, have failed. The debts of the firm amount to $58 000, and the assets are placed at $71,000.

Yesterday afternoon Miss Emma Monroe, the 15-year old editress of the Attalla (Ala.) *Beacon*, met William H. Cather, editor of the Attalla *Herald*, on the street and cowhided him.

Police Officer Edward Curry, of Washington, D. C., shot and killed London Shears, colored. Shears was resisting the officer and beating him with his own baton when the fatal shot was fired.

Announcement is made of the death on November 11 of Joseph James Cheeseman, President of the Republic of Liberia, and the inauguration of Vice President W. D. Coleman as President.

Hugh Smith, a white farmer living six miles from Raleigh, N. C., was found dead in the snow a mile from his home. It is believed he was caught in the snow storm of Wednesday night and so perished.

The bubonic plague, which has been prevalent among the natives of Bombay, India, with fatal effect in a majority of cases, has now spread to Europeans, many of whom have died from the disease.

Citizens of Rockport, W. Va., are hunting for two tramps, who will be lynched if caught. During the absence of Samuel Stephens the tramps broke into his house, assaulted Mrs. Stephens and fatally injured their child.

The strike committee at Hamburg, Germany, has called out all of the harbor workmen in order to assist the strike of the dock laborers. The men called out include engineers, bargemen and others employed by the State and the city.

One of the largest personal bonds on record has been filed by John Lowber Walsh, as assignee of the dry goods commission firm of Coffin, Altemus & Co., Philadelphia. The amount of the bond is $3,850 000, the security being the American Security Company, of New York.

Gladstone's Pudding.

Shelley once blurted out that pudding was a prejudice; but, according to a contemporary, which tells the following exciting story, Mr. Gladstone merely regards the habit of eating it too hot as a prejudice. "One day, not long ago, he was going for a drive into Chester after luncheon. His pudding was very hot, so he went away from the table, changed his clothes, got ready for the drive and came back and finished his pudding, thus saving the ten minutes during which his pudding cooled."

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If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

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Army Headquarters.

"The headquarters of the army," said an army officer, "are where General Miles is located, or at least where he keeps his headquarters flag. Should he take his flag up in a balloon the headquarters would be up in the air. He seldom takes his flag with him when he leaves the city, but should he do so headquarters would be exactly where the flag is, whether he was in the cars or at a hotel. The law has never designated an official headquarters. When General Sherman moved his residence from this city some years ago to St. Louis, the headquarters flag went with him, and the war department found it was no longer headquarters. Neither was there any way by which the department could find where headquarters were except by telegraphing for the whereabouts of General Sherman and his flag."—Washington Star.

She Scored One.

Mrs. Wilson tried to get Mrs. Jones' cook away from her and actually went to Mrs. Jones' house when she was out and offered the cook more money. The next time they met at a big dinner, Mrs. Jones did not notice her. Some one who sat between them said, "Mrs. Jones, you know Mrs. Wilson, do you not?"

"No, I believe not," said Mrs. Jones. "She sometimes calls on my cook, I understand. Waiter, some ice."—Boston Traveller.

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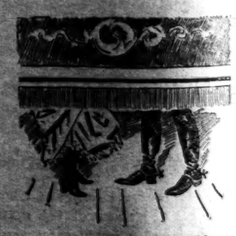

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The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE.
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec 6.

Meteorological data for yesterday:

Temperature: 8 a. m., 31°; 8 p. m., 49°; maximum, 60°; minimum, 30°; mean, 50°.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 2.33.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 4.—The stage of the water in the Cape Fear river at 8 a. m. was 12.4 feet and falling.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina—Warmer, fair weather; southerly winds.

OUTLINES.

The restraining order prohibiting the lease of the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad was continued by the judge and the lease will not be made. —— The steamer Dauntless has been seized at Jacksonville, Fla., on suspicion of preparing to engage in a filibustering expedition. —— Secretary Herbert, in his annual report to Congress, recommends the construction of three battleships and twelve torpedo boats, and urges an appropriation for the purpose of supplying guns and ammunition with which to arm vessels to be called in service from our merchant marine; the number of the naval militia is placed at 3 339. —— The Department of State has received the formal protest of the German Government against President Cleveland's proclamation re-imposing the tonnage tax on German vessels in American ports. —— Advices from Spanish sources report engagements with the insurgents, in which the latter was defeated. —— Fitzsimmons' manager is accumulating evidence to prove crooked work in the Fitzsimmons-Sharkey contest and promises to expose a scheme to down the Australian; Sharkey is improving and will be out within three days. —— Erick Stocklasse, a Swedish sailor, the only survivor of the crew of the schooner Frank M. Noyes, which was capsized last Wednesday, was picked up in mid-ocean by a British steamer. —— A suit for nearly $18 000 000 was instituted in the United States Circuit Court at Richmond, Va., in behalf of the Southern Railway against the Richmond & West Point Terminal Railway & Warehouse Co. ——County Treasurer Cox, of Galveston, Tex has been arrested for embezzlement, —— New York markets: Money on call 2 per cent.; cotton dull—middling gulf —; middling 7 9-16c; Southern flour dull and unchanged—common to fair extra $2 85@3 45; good to choice $3 45@3 60 wheat—spot dull and higher; ungraded red 80@1 00 corn—spot dull and weaker; No. 2 29¼c at elevator and 30½c afloat; rosin quiet—strained common to good $1 80@1 82½; spirits turpentine steady at 27@27¾c.

It is said that France will spend 200,000,000 francs on more war ships. This is a frank admission that France hasn't ships enough.

Col. Pickett, of Wyoming, is in a position now to gorge on fish. An ice gorge backed up a creek and froze in thousands of salmon trout. When Col. Pickett wants a fish all he has to do is to take a pick, his pick and pick it out.

Congressman Grosvenor, of Ohio, denies the report that he is to be pitted against Tom Reed for the Speakership of the next House of Representatives. He has no idea of tackling as heavy a weight as Tom.

It is said that 7,000 out of the 15,000 dock strikers in Hamburg are now being fed by contributions from the fund they have on hand. These strikes are rough ways of settling grievances and they seldom settle satisfactorily.

A Lexington, Ky., man has some old script on which he bases a claim for Chicago dirt, with nice houses on it, about 120 acres, valued at from $12,000,000 to $15,000,000. He would probably compromise for less than half of that.

That was a costly stroll that Li Hung Chang took in the Imperial park. It cost him $36,400, which is the old fellow's yearly stipend from the Government. The next time he will go around.

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Clearfield, Pa., is bragging about a girl baby born in that town last week which weighed one ounce less than a pound. It was dressed in doll clothes, and an extemporized cradle was made from a doll carriage. The dispatch, in announcing this important event in the social life of Clearfield, informs us that the little Miss "coughs, sneezes and cries just like other babies."

What becomes of the pins? has never been satisfactorily answered, nor is it satisfactorily answered what has become of the 16,000,000 of old copper cents that have disappeared. Occasionally one of them is dug up, rubbed up and identified. Three millions of 2 cent pieces have also disappeared, and three millions of 3-cent nickel pieces, of which we occasionally see one.

An automatic gallows was tried on a Connecticut man at Hartford last Thursday, who was sentenced to death for the murder of a woman who refused to marry him. It worked satisfactorily, at least the gentleman who performed on it made no complaint before he was buried.

At one of his meetings in New York the other day Mr. Moody read a letter from a penitent who wrote that he was "a liar, a thief, and even worse." He must have been in the habit of voting the Republican ticket.

W. D. McHugh, of Omaha, who was appointed recently by President Cleveland as a Judge in Oklahoma, was once a shoemaker. A transfer from one bench to another as it were. He was a good shoemaker and it is predicted will make a good Judge.

When Mr. Cleveland retires from office he will have three homes, one near Washington, one at Buzzard's Bay, and one, recently purchased, in Princeton, N. J. When he became President first time he didn't have a shanty.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

D. O'CONNOR—For rent.
NOTICE—Absolutely free.
PALACE BAKERY—A card.
MERCER & EVANS—Shoes.
SOL. BEAR—Mattings, Rugs.
J. H. REHDER & CO.—Toys.
PETERSON & RULFS—Rubbers.
JAS D. NUTT—Hot-water bags.
W. E. SPRINGER & CO.—Stoves.
THOS. EVANS—Foreclosure sale.
N. B. DAWSON—Cabbage plants.
W. B. COOPER—New firecrackers.
C. W. POLVOGT & CO.—Dress goods.
BRADDY & GAYLORD—Get there.
OPERA HOUSE—"A Midnight Bell.
J. D. BELLAMY, JR.—Sale of stock.
KIRMESS—Spectacular presentation.
OPERA HOUSE—"The Pious Fraud."
G. R. FRENCH & SON—Shoes for boys.
CLARENDON S. & L. A.—Save money.
HALL & PEARSALL—Canned goods.
ATLANTIC NAT'L BANK—Money to loan.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. G. W. P. Batte, of Charlotte, is in the city.

— Mr. R. C. Barrett, of Florence, S. C., was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. R. W. Grady, of Burgaw, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

— Mr. J. R. Durrett, of Richmond, Va., was one of last night's arrivals.

— Mr. A. G. Holmes, of Council's Station, came to the city Friday and returned yesterday.

— Miss Laura Weeks, of Southport, daughter of Mr. Wm. Weeks, was in the city yesterday.

— Dr. K. J. Powers, who has many friends in Wilmington, is reported quite sick at his home in Pender.

— Mr. Adam Lockhart, father of Hon. James A. Lockhart, is said to be dangerously sick at his home in Anson county.

— Mr. M. Ferguson, Southport; Mr. Will C. Dodson, N. C., and Mr. Henry Grimes, N. C., were among the arrivals in the city yesterday.

Death of William Torpy.

The STAR regrets to announce the death of Mr. William P. Torpy, which occurred at 2 40 o'clock this morning. He had been sick a number of years, and bore his sufferings with great fortitude. He was a son of Mr. Thos. Torpy, an old and respected citizen, who came to this country from Ireland many years ago. The deceased was a young man of excellent character, and had many friends. The funeral will take place from St. Thomas' Catholic Church to-morrow.

The best $1.00 Kid Glove in the city for sale at C. W. Polvogt & Co.'s †

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— See fourth page for other new advertisements.

— The visiting Republican notables took their departure yesterday by way of the C. F. & Y. V.

— The weather yesterday was "just lovely," and one of the results was a marked improvement in the retail trade of Wilmington.

— Mr. J. R. Windley reported at the City Hall last night that his bicycle had been stolen from the sidewalk in front of Braddy & Gaylord's store.

— The old Board of Commissioners of New Hanover county will meet in regular session to-morrow and hand over the county government to their successors.

— Messrs. Alex. Sprunt & Son cleared yesterday the British steamship *Roxby* for Liverpool, Eng., with cargo of 9,983 bales cotton, weighing 4,819,829 pounds and valued at $361,480.

— Mr. J. V. B. Metts has engaged in the brokerage business with his father, Capt. Jas. I. Metts, and Mr. Robt. Fowler has the position formerly held by Mr. Metts with Col. Walker Taylor.

— The editor of the Pender *Star* has received "a box of very fine strawberries fresh from the patch of Mr. Bruce Taylor, of Magnolia." They would have sold for about $2.00 in New York.

— Mr. Sol. Bear notifies the public through the STAR that he has a full line of mattings, rugs, carpets, &c., which must be sold in thirty days. He offers special inducements in prices. His dry goods department is now in the store No. 18 Market street.

— The STAR knew all about the tragic death of the unfortunate young North Carolinian in Galveston. His name was not "Sullivan"; and we had not only the correct name, but other details. At the urgent request, however, of relatives of the deceased, and on the assurance that no other paper would mention it, we made no reference to it in the STAR.

— The STAR is informed that a new schedule is contemplated on the Seaboard Air Line which will affect Wilmington by bringing the day train in an hour or two earlier than now, the outward mail train leaving a little later. Changes will also make a good schedule to Northern points. The through freight with coach attached, will probably leave later in the evening and arrive earlier in the morning. A local train will also be put on in the day, which will also carry a coach for passengers.

The Daily Newspaper.

If a man is not able to take a daily paper he ought not to take it. But if he is able to take it and does not because he doesn't want to spend the money, he is practicing false economy. To scarcely any other, unless it be for the necessities of life, can the same amount of money be invested so profitably as for a newspaper that furnishes the news daily. The reader of such a paper has at his command every day all the facilities for news gathering which makes the paper of to day the complete record of yesterday; gains an acquaintance with men and manners which is sure to be of practical service, and lays by a store of general information that is to be had in no other way.

The foregoing, while true in a general way about all daily papers, applies most particularly to THE MORNING STAR.

The STAR prints the latest telegraphic news, the best local news, reliable market reports, excellent short stories, and the choicest miscellaneous matter.

The price of the STAR is $5 00, being absolutely the cheapest daily of its class in North Carolina.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—273 bales cotton, 5 bbls rosin, 16 bbls tar.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—235 bales cotton, 19 casks spirits turpentine, 20 bbls rosin, 7 bbls tar, 9 bbls crude turpentine.

Carolina Central R. R.—6 bales cotton.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—11 bales cotton, 8 casks spirits turpentine, 171 bbls rosin, 14 bbls tar.

Steamer A. P. Hurt.—43 bales cotton, 7 casks spirits turpentine, 5bbls rosin.

Schooner William—40 casks spirits turpentine, 121 bbls rosin.

Total receipts—Cotton, 567 bales; spirits turpentine, 74 casks; rosin, 339 bbls; tar, 37 bbls; crude turpentine, 9 bbls.

Are You Out of Work?

The STAR will help you get a position absolutely free of all cost, or if you want some one to work for you the STAR will charge you nothing for the advertisement. This offer is made to help those out of employment, and does not apply to "boarders wanted," "houses for rent," or any class of commercial advertising. The name of the advertiser must positively accompany every advertisement. Your name will not be published, however, unless you desire it. See announcement in another column for full particulars.

Changes On The Star.

Mr. Robert W. Haywood, who has been travelling for the STAR for several months, has been assigned to duty on our local and business staff.

Mr. John G. Marshall, who has been with the STAR a number of years, succeeds Mr. Haywood as travelling agent and correspondent.

We commend these young men to our friends wherever duty may call them, and will appreciate any courtesies that may be shown them.

The largest stock of Comforts and Blankets in the city are shown at C. W. Polvogt & Co.'s. †

COUNTY AFFAIRS.

The New Board of Commissioners Will Take Office To-morrow—Magistrates-Elect Who Have Not Complied with the Law—A List of Those Who Have Properly Qualified.

The new Board of Commissioners of New Hanover county will meet to-morrow afternoon at the Court House. All the members of the board are Republicans, Messrs. F. W. Foster, Frank J. Dempsey and Jordan Nixon (col.)

The following newly elected county officers have qualified before the Clerk of the Superior Court, and filed a sworn statement of the expenses incurred for their election in the last campaign, and will enter upon their duties to-morrow:

Sheriff—Elijah Hewlett.
Treasurer—Stacey VanAmringe.
Register of Deeds—Chas. W. Norwood (col.).
Coroner—David Jacobs (col.).
Constable—Buck C. Wright (col.).
Surveyor—J. H. McRee.

All the above are Republicans, except Mr. McRee, who is a staunch Democrat.

The following, elected magistrates for Wilmington Township, have qualified and filed sworn statements of their expenses: Thomas Rivers, Jr., R. McN. Williams, Andrew J. Hewlett, Godfrey Wills, Jr., Abel S. Robinson, Jno. R. Melton, Aaron Lockamy, J. P. Bowen, Thomas Smith, Jno. G. Norwood, Elijah Lane, A. J. Allen, Jno. H. Shaw, Lewis H. Bryant, R. F. Gore and J. H. Harper.

The following magistrates-elect qualified, but failed to file their accounts, viz: Major Loftin, Robt. H. Lane, Jas. M. Jenkins, Thomas Brinkley, L. J. King, B. J. Hooper and Chas. A. Foreman.

Chapter 189, section 73 of the State Laws, 1895, requires every candidate who is voted for at any public election held within the State, to file a sworn statement within ten days after election, of the moneys spent or contributed by him, directly or indirectly in aid of his election, and if he shall neglect or refuse to do so, he shall forfeit his office.

Chas. Sullivan, magistrate-elect, qualified, but did not file his statement of expenses until three days after the time allowed by law.

Peyton Young, magistrate-elect, has neither qualified nor filed his statement of expenses.

Several magistrates-elect from other township in the counties have failed to file their statement of expenses.

The following magistrates-elect have qualified and filed statements:

Cape Fear Township—Jno. W. Kerr, R. J. Jordan, C. H. Heide and George Grady.

Harnett Township—W. T. Rogers and E. L. Ennett.

Federal Point Township—H. B. Williams, Samuel M. Wiggins and Jno. F. Keyes.

Masonboro Township—G. W. Rogers and Jno. P. Walton.

OPERA HOUSE.

Hoyt's Great Comedy, "A Midnight Bell," Thursday Evening.

There will come to the Opera House next Thursday evening, December 10, a comedian who is almost as familiar to the theatre-goers of America as the Star Spangled Banner—Digby Bell. This famous comedian will present for the first time in this city, Hoyt's great comedy, "A Midnight Bell." There are not many who in the past have not heard of the Digby Bell Opera Company. Mr. Bell is one of the leading comedians on the stage to-day, having played leading roles in the operas "The Black Hussar," "Chimes of Normandy," "Mikado," "Mancotte," etc. Among his associates of the past can be enumerated many artists who have become successful comic opera stars, notably Francis Wilson, DeWolf Hoffer, Jeff D'Anglis, Lillian Russell and others. Theatre goers of this city should not miss the opportunity of seeing this company, among whom is also numbered Laura Joyce Bell, the eminent contralto.

"A Midnight Bell" is replete with brilliant wit, overflowing with side-splitting comedy, and withal is a strong and most interesting story of love and intrigue in New England.

Of the author of the piece nothing remains to be said, for Mr. Chas. Hoyt is too well known as a dramatist, and his "A Milk White Flag," which appeared here about two weeks ago, is remembered with a keen sense of pleasure.

Seats on sale at Gerken's Wednesday.

Prang's Holiday Publications.

As fine art publishers the house of L. Prang & Co., Boston, Mass., is without a rival in this country. Their holiday publications for the season of 1896-1897 have been issued, and they surpass all previous issues in beauty of design and mechanical execution. They comprise Christmas cards, books and booklets, artistic reproductions of photographs, pencil sketches, outline pictures, etc. Their calendars are gems of beauty. Send for catalogue and price-list.

Clarendon S. and L. Association.

Mr. J. M. Bunting, Secretary, announces that a new series of stock in the Clarendon Savings and Loan Association will be opened December 19th. This is one of the best financial institutions in Wilmington. The directory is composed of eleven of our most capable business men, and the affairs of the "Clarendon" are managed carefully and economically.

— Mr. Joseph McLaurin, of Point Caswell, reached here by steamer last evening. He called at the STAR office and presented us with one of his patent dusting brushes.

On or about Thursday, December 3d, all my friends and customers can find me on Princess street between Front and Second, next door east of D. O'Connor's office. C. M. HARRIS
† News Dealer.

Books and games for sale at C. W. Polvogt & Co.'s. See them. †

ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONERS.

Two Commissioners Will Be Added to the New Board and Under the Law They Will Be Democrats.

Mr. H. McL. Green, the wide-awake Chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee, was canvassing yesterday for signatures to an application to be presented to Judge E. T. Boykin for the appointment of two additional Commissioners for New Hanover county. These appointments will be made under a law passed by the Fusion Legislature, and which, by the way, Col. F. W. Foster, one of the recently elected Republican Commissioners, pronounces one of the best laws ever passed by a Legislative body.

The law has been twice printed in full in the STAR since the election; but it may be briefly stated here that the basis of the application to the Judge is (1) that five electors must make affidavit before the Clerk of the Superior Court that they verily believe that the business of the county, if left entirely in the hands of the three Commissioners elected by the people, will be improperly managed. And (2) that the petition or application must be signed by two hundred electors of the county, one-half of whom shall be freeholders.

As the law requires that the appointees of the Judge shall be of a political party different from that of a majority of the Board of Commissioners, it necessarily follows that the two additional Commissioners for New Hanover county will be Democrats; and it is generally understood that Col. Roger Moore and Mr. J. G. L. Gieschen, two of the candidates on the Democratic ticket at the recent election, will be appointed. The new Board will then be constituted as follows: Roger Moore and J. G. L. Gieschen (Democrats), Wilmington; F. W. Foster (Republican), Wilmington; F. J. Dempsey (Populist), Cape Fear township; Jordan Nixon (colored Republican), Harnett township.

Yesterday forenoon Chairman Green had secured the signatures of about 125 electors, and will have the requisite number to-morrow. There is no difficulty whatever in obtaining signatures.

The STAR does not understand that the application for two additional Commissioners is intended, or can be construed, as a reflection on the honesty of any of the three Commissioners whose term of office begins to-morrow. On the contrary, it is simply a question as to the business qualifications of a majority of the Board.

Four days after the election the STAR urged the Democrats to "take immediate steps for the appointment of two additional County Commissioners, under the law providing for such appointment." It is an important matter, especially to the Eastern counties, and many of these counties are now availing themselves of the advantages offered by the new law.

THE KIRMESS

To be Given at the Opera House Next Week.

Kirmess! Kirmess! Kirmess! The town is ringing with it, people are flocking to the rehearsals, only to be turned away, finding all the places filled. Only one week more and the rehearsals will be over with. The City Hall is the scene of action, and if a privileged person is allowed to peep, he will see a very busy scene. Mr. Macdonnell has marked on the floor the dimensions of the stage, and the dancers are taxing their imaginations with the idea that the stage is a reality, and the foot-lights only separate them from an audience. Demure little misses can be seen brandishing tomahawks, and dancing to the quick measures of the Indian dance. Wee tots are trying to manage both fan and umbrella in the solemn Japanese salutations. The little Egyptians wave their plumed fans, and the gay tinkle of the tambourine can be heard from afar when the Gipsy girls are taking the different steps. This is in the daytime. At night the Ghost dancers are the fitting participants, and one can imagine the weird spectacle as they dance around the camp fires. Gretel in her wooden shoes and dainty cap, dances with Hansel in true German style. The Swedes, with their sleighbells, surely put one in mind of Christmas and Kriss Kringle. The stately Greeks, picturesque Nile worshippers and quaint Japs all have their turn; and it is hard to say which is more bewitching, the Japanese Court ladies laughing behind their fans or the brilliant senoritas casting glances between the clicking of the castanets.

This is only at the rehearsals and much is left to the imagination. But when these are over and the Kirmess is really in full swing, Wilmington will be truly proud of her work.

The brilliant scenic effects, with the many dancers, will make one forget that the participants are amateurs—the skilled management of Mr. Macdonnell will transform them for the time and the spectator will long remember the brilliant Kirmess, with thanks to the ladies who have so successfully aided Mr. Macdonnell in his work.

To the Pacific Coast.

The Seaboard Air Line has placed on sale all the year round tourist tickets to Pacific coast points and return, via circuitous routes. For these tickets the rate from Wilmington to San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego, Cal., is: Going via New Orleans, Vicksburg or Memphis, returning via St. Louis or vice versa, via direct routes $144.65. Going via New Orleans, Vicksburg or Memphis, returning via Missouri River and Chicago, or vice versa, $154.25. Going via New Orleans, Vicksburg or Memphis, returning via Portland, Oregon, and St. Louis, or vice versa, $138.15. Going via New Orleans, Vicksburg or Memphis, returning via Portland, Oregon, and Chicago, $167.75. Tickets limited to nine months from date of sale.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our "Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cents.

This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculate the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

Down Pillows, Silks and Silkolines at C. W. Polvogt & Co.'s. †

RICH FINDS OF GOLD

IN GRANVILLE AND VANCE COUNTIES.

Deputy Collector E. A. Moffitt Killed by Illicit Distillers in Rowan County—N. B. Broughton Will Contest Jim Young's Election to the Legislature—Collision on the Southern R. R.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 5.

The people of Granville and Vance counties have the gold fever. Six months ago quartz richly imbedded with gold was discovered on a tract of hilly rugged land, ten miles in length and five miles in width, situated between two streams in the counties of Granville and Vance. Since then the richness of the find has rapidly spread and miners are arriving from all parts of the country every week. The strata of quartz is said to yield handsomely. Only two weeks ago complete mining machinery was located in a mine by an Englishman named Horne. Horne gave a $30,000 option, payable next March on a small tract of land. Senator Stewart has a representative at the hills named Harris, who took an option on sixty acres for $90,000. The mines are forty-four miles from Raleigh. A farmer by the name of Wright brought some quartz here to be examined.

Mr. N. B. Broughton, the Democratic candidate for the Legislature, who ran against Jim Young, has decided to contest the seat and to day filed his papers. Young was awarded the certificate of election, receiving eighteen more votes than Broughton, according to the count.

G. Bent. Alford, the gold bug candidate for Congress, who received twenty-eight votes, was here to-day and stated that he would attend the Indianapolis convention.

All the bets made in this city are in favor of Pritchard for the Senate. A certain gentleman, who won nearly a thousand on the recent election, says he will take all comers at even money on Pritchard.

E. A. Moffitt, one of the most alert revenue deputies in the State, was killed near Asheboro yesterday while raiding a still. Mr. Moffitt was the father of E. A. Moffitt, of this city, editor of the *Christian Sun*.

A head-on collision occurred on the Southern to-day, near Chapel Hill. The last freight and an extra ran together. The front parts of the engines were battered.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran church, Fourth street, above Bladen, Rev. G. D. Bernheim, pastor—Morning service at 11 o'clock; evening service at 7.30 o'clock; Sunday school at 3.30 p. m. All seats free, and every person cordially invited.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, corner of Market and Sixth streets, Rev. K. Boldt, pastor—Second Sunday in Advent: English service at 11 a. m.; German service at 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school at 3 30 p. m. All seats free.

Services in St. John's church to-day at 11 a. m. and 4.30 p. m. Sunday school at 3.30 p. m.

Services in Seamen's Bethel to-day at 3 p. m. by Rev. Dr. Carmichael. All are welcome.

St. Paul's church, Fourth and Orange streets, Rev. F. N. Skinner rector. Services to-day, second Sunday in Advent, at 11 a. m. (Holy Communion) and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school at 3.30 p. m. All seats free.

Rev. Walter Lewis will preach at Bladen Street M. E. church to-day at 11 a. m.

COLORED CHURCHES.

St. Stephen's A. M. E. church, corner Fifth and Red Cross streets, Rev. E. J. Gregg pastor. Preaching to-day at 10 30 a. m. and 7 30 p. m. by the pastor. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at 3 p. m. Evening subject: "The Songs of the Soul."

The revival at the First Baptist church, corner Fifth and Campbell streets, is still going on with great success. Preaching to-day at 11 a. m. by Rev. Steve Atkinson; the Lord's Supper at 3 p. m., and at 8 p. m. Rev. Atkinson will preach his farewell sermon. Strangers and friends are welcome. Joseph Spells, pastor.

The City Markets.

Supplies in the city markets yesterday were about the average, and prices unchanged. Owing probably to bad weather shipments of poultry from the country were light, and dealers had an opportunity to work off over-abundant stocks that had accumulated on their hands. Eggs are scarce and the demand has advanced prices, dealers asking 20 to 22 cents per dozen.

The ruling prices at Front street market last evening were:

Fresh meats—Beef 8 to 12½c. per pound; pork, 8 to 10c.; sausage, 10 to 12½c.

Poultry—Live fowls 25 to 30c.; chickens, 15 to 20c.; turkeys, 75c. to $1 00. Dressed fowls, 60c. per pair; turkeys, 10 to 15c. per pound.

Vegetables—Sweet potatoes, 15c. per peck; Irish potatoes, 5c. per quart; turnips, 5c. per bunch; cabbage, 10c. per head; onions, 5c. per quart; peas, 5c. per quart; celery 25c. per bunch.

City Court.

Leander Holmes, Rena Pearsall and Rose Hill (all colored) were arraigned before Mayor Harriss yesterday, charged with an affray.

Rose Hill and Rena Pearsall figured quite extensively in the Bonham inquest last Monday. It was upon Rena Pearsall's statement that the Hill woman was arrested on suspicion, which resulted in the difficulty Friday night.

Rena Pearsall and Leander Holmes were discharged, and Rose Hill fined $5 and cost, with a warning from the Mayor to leave town.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents. tf

All shades Crepon, suitables for "Kirmess" costumes, at C. W. Polvogt & Co.'s. †

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FIRE ON FRONT STREET.

Mr. John E. Pigford's Residence Burned—Narrow Escape of the Inmates—Very Little of the Furniture or Other Effects Saved.

Fire broke out about two o'clock this morning in the two-story frame building on North Front street, between Chesnut and Grace, occupied by Mr. John E. Pigford. The family and a number of boarders, some twelve or fifteen persons in all, had narrow escapes and saved very little of their effects. Mr. Jane Love, one of the boarders, finding his escape by the stairway cut off, climbed down a tree near the window of his room. Mr. Patterson, another boarder, escaped with little of his effects beyond his night clothes.

The fire broke out in a two-story annex to the building, used as a kitchen. A colored woman employed as a cook by the family occupied a room above the kitchen and it was not known whether she had escaped or not.

Mr. Pigford saved only the furniture in the two front rooms of the house. He had some insurance, but the amount could not be learned.

The building, recently part of the estate of the late Dr. W. E. Freeman, is owned by Mr. D. L. Gore and insured.

Mr. and Mrs. Wrighton, boarders in the house, saved very little of their effects and lost some valuable jewelry and silver.

Mr. Pigford and family found ready refuge with Mr. A. K. Holden and wife, who occupy part of the Carolina Central railroad building opposite the burned house.

HOMICIDE IN BLADEN.

Steve Johnson, the Ferryman at Elizabethtown Shot and Killed by A. J. Perry—The Murderer Escaped.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

ELIZABETHTOWN, N. C., Dec. 5.—Steve Johnson, colored, Cape Fear river ferryman here, was shot by A. J. Perry, white, yesterday. The trouble was caused by whiskey. Perry proceeded to fill up yesterday, and then in the company of two of his brothers went to collect rent from a tenant. The man ran from them, fearing they would harm him; ran toward the ferry and escaped his pursuers. Perry in pursuit ran down to the ferryman and ordered him to arrest the person they were pursuing. Johnson said that he was not an officer and turned away. Perry immediately began firing into his back, three balls taking effect. Johnson fell, and Perry then put his foot on him and tried to shoot him in the head, but all the cartridges in his pistol had been used.

Immediately after the shooting Perry ran to the court house, went in and is supposed to have loaded his pistol. He then mounted his mule and escaped. Johnson died this evening. The brothers of Perry are under arrest and heavily guarded in the jail here, because the negroes are very much excited over the murder.

"A PIOUS FRAUD."

The Entertainment to be Given Next Friday in Aid of the Shelter of the Silver Cross.

"Teach me to feel another's griefs,
"Another's woe to see."

So sang Pope, and the sentiment merits the plaudits of civilized man. In no way is a fellow-feeling better illustrated than in the practical charities which are maintained wherever the gospel of love prevails. Says a writer: "A love of the human species is a very vague and indefinite kind of virtue, sitting very easily on a man, not confining his action at all," which would seem to be a plea for systematic charity, and we do note daily a spontaneity and concert of action on the part of generous benefactors and benefactresses tending to the ameliorations of the condition of those so much less favored with the "comforts and conveniences of life." Many benevolent organizations there are in this goodly city of ours, all having similar purposes and like aims, unselfish in their devotion to the betterment of suffering or needy humanity, and they should each and every one receive grateful and substantial recognition. Harmoniously they labor together and in due time public attention is directed to any specific object they may have in view, and at no time should their general work be forgotten.

Just now the ladies composing the Ministering Circle of the King's Daughters are endeavoring to raise funds for their work, and to this end there will be presented under their auspices on Friday night, December 11th, by among the best of the amateur histrionic talent of this city a wholesome comedy, entitled "A Pious Fraud." The piece selected is sparkling with humor and filled with ludicrous situations; it will please beyond a doubt.

Tickets on sale at J. H. Rehder's, L. B. Sisser's and H. I. Gerken's. Advance sale of seats will commence at 7.30 a. m. Wednesday morning at Gerken's. Fifty cents to any part of the house.

MARRIED.

DROSSET-BELLAMY—At the First Presbyterian Church, Wednesday, November 18th, 1896, by the Rev. P. H. Hoge, D. D., ROBERT COWAN DROSSET and ELLEN DOUGLAS, daughter of Mardeu Bellamy, Esq., all of this city.

DIED.

TORPY—In this city this (Sunday) morning at 2.40 o'clock, Mr. W. P. TORPY, aged 34 years, 10 months and 7 days.

The funeral will take place to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock, from St. Thomas' Catholic Church. Interment in Oakdale Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

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